

Foreshore erosion works to start soon?

Graham Bannister and David McCorkell represented Greenwell Point at a meeting of Council's Shoalhaven River Natural Resources and Flood Plain Management Committee on 9 June.

Whilst expressing appreciation that Council had finalised the planning stage for the foreshore erosion works David highlighted the significant reduction in funding for these important works. The meeting moved to recommend to Council that alternative sources of funding be sought. Cllr Paul Green arranged to visit the village to see the erosion problem first hand.

With at least \$100,000 in this year's budget, works will be initially targeted at the highest priority Precinct 2 and 3.

Car Boot Sale bargains galore

Don't forget the **Car Boot Sale** to be held Saturday 9 July at the Scout Hall Greens Road. This is a joint GTTP and Scouts fund-raiser so give your support. Boots, tables, sausage sizzle, pancakes, Chockie Wheel—all the fun of the fair AND bargains to boot.

Oyster and sausage link

What do our local oysters and Jack the Butcher's sausages have in common. Find out on page 2.

This covers the foreshore south from the timber groyne in Adelaide Street to the point to the east of the mangroves. At this stage the planning and design is largely complete and we are now waiting on approvals from various NSW state government departments before the actual work can commence. Soon?



Councillor Paul Green and GTTP Project Leader David McCorkell discuss plans for the foreshore remediation works.

A report from the Lower Shoalhaven Flood Study commenced December 2000 is expected, finally, to be tabled in Council in July. Shortly thereafter the report should be made available for public viewing and com-

ment. It will form the basis of a Flood Risk Management Plan essential to support State Government grant applications for further works.

Mayor to talk on water

Greg Watson will be the star turn at the next GTTP Community Meeting to be held 21 July commencing 7.00pm sharp.

The Mayor will be giving a presentation on the Shoalhaven water supply and the impact of Sydney's plans to draw water from the Shoalhaven.

Water quality is a vital issue for the river and especially for our oyster farmers. Find out the real story direct from the top.

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Last year our Mayor announced the commencement of a \$2.0million program of works on foreshore and waterway facilities at Greenwell Point.

In the 2004-05 Shoalhaven City Council Management Plan a little over \$1.5million was set aside for these projects—looked promising.

Now we find that the latest 2005-08 Management Plan has reduced our funding by a staggering \$960,000.

Council officials say that priorities have changed. Well thanks guys—a 5.9% rate rise and nothing to show for it! Another non-core promise?

At least some councillors have shown an interest. Paul Green visited for a tour of the foreshore to see firsthand why we have been getting hot under the collar about the need for the foreshore remediation works to start.

Councillor Gareth Ward, a Ward 1 representative, but still an avid Gazette reader, has taken up the funding issue with the Mayor.

Sign won't win the Archibald!

Thus opined one of the 55 people who responded to the poll on the new entry sign. For the results see page 3.



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They can't fix things if they don't get to hear what's going on.

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Did you know you can set your printer so it prints in draft mode by default? This uses half the ink of high quality mode and is usually perfectly satisfactory for most typed material.

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Black Marlin changes hands

After more than a decade of serving the needs of Greenwell Point Sam and Phil Reeves have decided on a career change. As of Friday 1 July the Black Marlin became owned and operated by the Loosemore family consortium of Rod and Jan, Ryan and Rebecca.

Rod and Jan hail from Shoalhaven Heads while R & R have lived in Greenwell Point for over two years.

Warning—do not play Rod and Ryan at bowls for money! They are good—damn good! Every time your in the shop try to talk them into playing for Greenwell Point.

Having run the shop since July 1994, Sam and Phil are looking forward to the break and being able to spend some quality time with the kids while they still have the opportunity. When they bought the shop Maggie was 3 years old but Joe was just a bun in the oven.

The Reeves clan have been too busy with the shop to take full advantage of all the things that attract people to our lifestyle—fishing, camping, sailing, golfing, darts (?). But they are planning to stay on in the village and to make up for that. Apparently Phil has already gone into serious training for the next Open Singles Dart Championships at Shoalhaven Heads while Sam is looking forward to a return trip to her native Canada. Joe just wants to “go fishing with Dad”.

Sam and Phil want to wish the Loosemore's every success with their new venture and to thank all the residents of Greenwell Point for their wonderful support and friendship.

Ditto from the Greenwell Point community and right back at ya!

Jack's bangers a smash hit

Our very own Jack the Butcher is well on the road to becoming hailed as the 2005 National Sausage King.

Jack's “traditional Australian” has been adjudged the best snag this side of Eden in the regional heats of the Australian Meat Industry Council's annual competition.

Go Jack!

Allen Bros. big night out

Barry and Brian of Shoalhaven Oyster Services are on the winner's podium again.

At the recent NSW Oyster Farmers Association presentation night they pretty much scooped the pool. Not only did they win gold medals but also took out three shield awards for best in class and the excellence award for best in show.

The twins were delighted to finally roll the man from Tathra who has just held them out of top spot for the past couple of years.

Get the Sauv Blanc in the fridge—spring is not that far off.

Did you know?

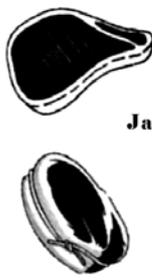
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Scouting About with Julie Brown

The Cubs have excelled once again in delivering the phone books in Culburra and Greenwell Point, doing it in record time. Then in the true Scouting spirit they backed up again the next weekend to do the Callala area.

A **big 1..2..3.. Wolf** to the Cubs, Leaders and helpers.

Our new Joey and Scout leaders have started their training, so Joeys and Scouts will be up and running next term. Joeys are ages 6 to 7½ years, Scouts ages 10½+. Any inquiries, please don't hesitate to ring Julie on 4447 1693. We have the leaders; now all we need is the children.

Where's the Scouts garbage bin? If you think taking a bin is fun, think how much more fun you could be having by joining Scouts—camps, meet nights and many more activities—got to be better than STEALING garbage bins.

Gordon Ravell Park Fence Poll

President of the Pirates, Shane Toovey, and Secretary, Jack Evans, attended the monthly GTTP Community meeting on 16 June. They explained the fencing proposal as outlined in last months Gazette. The fence would be located outside the tree-line and would have one gate for vehicular access and two further gates for pedestrian access. Only the vehicular access gate would be locked so as to prevent unauthorised vehicles driving on the oval. They believe that the fence would have the advantage of preventing damage to the playing surface and other forms of vandalism. All residents of Greenwell Point would be eligible to purchase a \$10 Gold Card which would then provide access to all Pirates home games free of charge.

The meeting concluded that a broader survey of community views should be undertaken. A poll has been set up on the Greenwell Point web site. If you have any views in favour or against the proposal to fence the oval then either vote in the poll or drop your comments into the GTTP Community Suggestion Box at the Black Marlin.

New Sign - Poll Results

Well one thing you can say about the new sign is that it has caused a bit of discussion. Some 55 people responded to the poll including around 35 written comments.

When voting closed on 30 June the results showed 31% love it, 40% hate it, 16% think it's OK, 3% don't care and 7% liked the old sign better!

What does this prove? That beauty is in the eye of the beholder?

Comments were wide and varied and would require a separate issue of the Gazette to publish them all. Council have been asked to rectify the problem with the lighting raised by a few respondents.

Full text of all comments in all their gory detail are on the Greenwell Point web site. A few of the more polarised comments are summarised below. Draw your own conclusions as to which are for and against:

"I think the new sign is ridiculous. Signs should be legible first—it is too hard to read on its side like that. It's ugly."

"I find the sign tasteful, subtle and interesting and so it suits the village very well."

"How about some rotting fish heads

to go with the oyster shells!!?"

"The landscaping formalises the area and use of a well known by-product of the famous Greenwell Point oyster adds that bit of individuality to the Gateway sign. Well done."

"What a b..... eyesore and waste of ratepayers money. Whoever designed the entrance sign should hang their head in shame. Our school children could have designed something much better and appealing to the eye. Coming into town you have almost got to be a contortionist to read it."

"I think the new sign to Greenwell point is very classy."

"It would be nice to read something friendly, like....'Welcome to the village of Greenwell Point'. Written right way up of course."

"Having read about the adverse reaction to our new town signage, I just wanted to say I think it looks fabulous. Congratulations to the Get To The Point team for their work in getting this done!"

"I personally think the money could have been spent tidying up the main street – which is disgusting and untidy."

Do we need another poll —or is this just a thinly disguised application for the vacant Tidy Town Co-ordinator position? Working bee anyone?

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Slipway Plans

Two reports recently received from Council are the Greenwell Point Slipway Facility Options Study and a Conceptual Design for Marine Rescue Facility and Public Jetty.

The slipway report recommends various upgrades including widening the boat ramp, fencing the slipway and building a new jetty at an estimated cost of \$570,000.

The GTTP has not had any input to these reports as yet so if you want to contribute some views or find out more info ring David McCorkell 4447 0327.

Join our e-malling list

If you have internet access then you can sign up to get all the latest local news and views by e-mail. You'll also be able to join discussions about topical issues. Go to our web site at www.greenwellpoint.info and click on the "community" menu button and follow the instructions to sign up.

It's dead easy.

GTTP Monthly Meeting—June

Last month's meeting was the best attended so far with nearly 20 people braving the cold winter night.

Representatives from the Pirates attended to discuss their proposal to fence Gordon Ravell Park and there was a fair bit of discussion on the Telstra Mobile tower proposal.

Minutes of the meeting are posted in the notice board outside the Community Hall and are available for download from the Greenwell Point web site www.greenwellpoint.info.

Next month's meeting will be devoted largely to the presentation on Shoalhaven water to be given by our Mayor, Mr Greg Watson. Come along armed with a few curly questions.

Volunteers needed

There are a heap of things that we could get going but we need more hands. We need a lively person to fill the vacant **Team Leader Business and Tourism** position.

Is anyone willing to join a **Bushcare Group** to organise some regular maintenance and beautification of foreshore and other public spaces? Ring Ron Vaughan on 4447 1133.

How about setting up a **Neighbourhood Watch**? Ring Joe Franklin on 4447 1111.

All these things could happen if we had some more keen volunteers.

Haiser Road erosion plans

In the past month we have had a first glimpse of the plans for erosion remediation works along Haiser Road.

They propose removing the huge pine trees at the northern end of the reserve and establishing some new mangrove plantings as well as installing rock revetments in various locations.

The plans are subject to community consultation and will be on display at the next GTTP meeting on 21 July. For more information contact David McCorkell on 4447 0327.

Dates for the diary ...

Every Thursday from 7 July—Bingo at the Hall commencing 10.30—Contact Lola 4447 1850.

Saturday 9 July—Car Boot Sale at the Scout Hall, Greens Road (GTTP and Scouts) from 8.30am to 2.30pm—Contact Leonie 4447 1521.

Thursday 21 July—GTTP Meeting with guest speaker Mayor Greg Watson to speak on the Shoalhaven water situation commencing 7.00pm at the Hall—contact Graham 4447 1554.

Saturday 13 August—Scouts Fund-raising Auction at the Scout Hall, Green Road.

Mobile Phone Tower status

This issue was discussed at the GTTP Meeting on 16 June and it was resolved to ask Council to explain exactly why this tower is needed.

Council have since advised that a public meeting is to be called to present further information to the community. As yet no date has been set for this meeting. Keep your mobile handy!

Letters to the Editor

Thank you for the Gazette. It has brought the town together and provided a focus for common issues.

However, your writings on the proposed Telstra tower are far from objective and in my view do not represent a balanced view of the towns' interests.

The efforts that you put into giving us the Gazette should not give you licence to push particular points of view.

During our six years at Greenwell Point we have had unusable mobile phone service. I would welcome this tower and its resulting improvement in service. My view is shared with many of our friends here.

David & Patricia

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