



Marina development for Greenwell Point?

ABC Newsflash 1 April 2010 "NSW Premier John Brogden today officially opened a brand new 100-berth marina at Greenwell Point, the Seafood Centre of the South Coast".

Sound far-fetched? Well OK, the bit about John Brogden might be, but it's not beyond the realms of possibility that we might one day have a marina.

A meeting of Council's Industrial Development and Employment Committee held on 4 July 2005 recommended that:

- potential marina sites in the Shoalhaven be identified
- a situation report on the status of a marina in and around Jervis bay be prepared; and,

Snags take the cake

Jack the Butcher's success in winning the NSW Southern Zone heats in the National Sausage King Contest did not go un-noticed. The folks at the Black Marlin presented our local purveyor of fine meats with a celebratory cake modelled on his traditional Australian.

Unfortunately the out-sized replica could easily be mistaken for something less desirable. The large brown sausage-shaped item looked decidedly like a ... well let's just say it looks better in black and white.

Jack was nevertheless chuffed!

Goals met despite no boots

Even weather bureau warnings recommending people postpone plans to travel to the South Coast could not dampen the enthusiasm of the organisers of the joint GTTP—Scouts Car Boot Sale. Read more on page 4.

- the potential for a marina development to service small cruise lines and super-yachts to unload and refuel be identified.

Greenwell Point is one of the safest harbours on the east coast. Should we be putting in a bid?

Meanwhile in the real world the clock has been stopped (for 28 days) on the Development Application process for the foreshore erosion works. The Department of Lands has required that the project be referred to the NSW Native Title Corporation for advice on native title status. The Heritage Office has been asked for approval for revetment works in the Sandstone Wharf precinct (south of main wharf).

Scouts Charity Auction

7.00pm Saturday 13 August

Greenwell Point Hotel

See page 2 for details



Jack the Butcher gets his just desserts!

Column 3

A recent proposal to Council for rezoning the old Rosebery Spray factory and surrounding industrial land generated some interesting comments in a report presented to Council's Development Committee on 12 July.

"Any proposal for further subdivision of land at Greenwell Point will increase the population at risk and potential damages due to flooding for the area. There will also be greater reliance on emergency services, since the subdivision is likely to attract new people to the area who are not necessarily flood aware."

"... it may not be in the best interest of the Greenwell Point community to permit residential development that would take up land for industrial purposes that could accommodate land uses such as 'trucking operators' or 'motor mechanics' in the future."

The Director of Planning, Ernie Royston, concluded that "due to the preliminary findings of the draft Lower Shoalhaven Floodplain Risk Management Study it is not considered that the rezoning request can be supported at this time."

Let's do the time warp again!

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Help Scouts raise funds

Despite promises from Council to review their policy, the 1st Greenwell Point Scout Group still have the spectre of a massive hike in water rates hanging over their heads.

Rather than just sit on their hands they have decided to "be prepared" and raise the money anyway.

With the able assistance of Paul Sennitt of Ray White Real Estate they are holding a "Charity Auction" on Saturday 13 August.

Lots of great items will entice the keen bidders; eg Picture—25 Years of Origin; Holden gear; rugby memorabilia; a beautiful framed painting by one of our talented art ladies; plus vouchers of all sorts. There will be a raffle and a guessing competition, so come along and join in the fun.

Proceedings will kick off at 7.00pm at the Greenwell Point Hotel (not at the Scout Hall as formerly advertised).

Hospital transport

There have been reports of elderly people being discharged from hospital at odd hours and having no means of transport to get home. If you find yourself in this predicament the hospital can provide travel vouchers to help out—just ask.

One game to love

Sunday evening the heavens opened up and down came the much-needed and welcomed rain.

Monday morning dawned and the sun shone brightly and dried up the tennis court, except for the few large slimy puddles in the shallow indents of the uneven surface of the court.

No tennis until this has dried up, as the brooms and rubber squeegee have been stolen.

Another Monday rolls along, bright and sunny, no rain so things are looking good for some fun and exercise for the ladies. No such luck. Over the weekend some louts have yet again prised open the wire fence and this time have managed to reef the net from its pole by pulling the wire loop from the cleat, making it impossible to play, yet again.

No-one has any tools to repair the net so the enterprising ladies flag down one of the local volunteers from the coastal patrol base who fortunately for us just happened to be driving by. He kindly lent us a shifting spanner to mend the cleat and away we went.

It seems a pity a small minority have time on their hands to disrupt the everyday enjoyment of those people who can have a little fun in life. Why don't they put their energy into something worthwhile and maybe they too would enjoy themselves.

Now it is Monday again and last night we had more much-needed rain, but that won't stop us as we will get a day in playing tennis in the near future. Is anyone interested? Ring June on 4447 1255 for more info.

Monday Tennis Ladies – Greenwell Point.

Going to the chapel ... and...

Are you planning a wedding? If you are, you might like to consider our historic church as a venue for the 'big occasion'. You can make enquiries and/or arrange for an inspection of the Church by phoning Lois on 4447 1806.

The sister churches at Meroo and Greenwell Point were established by the Estate of the late David Berry in the late 1890s to provide for the spiritual needs of their communities. Four denominations lead the worship at Greenwell Point, each holding a monthly service. A warm welcome is extended to members of ALL denominations at ALL services.

From September there will be a slight change. On the first Sunday of each month we will have a Baptist service. The first of these will be led by Pastor Richard Utber of the Nowra Baptist Church on 4 September. The second Sunday (Presbyterian), third Sunday (Uniting) and fourth Sunday (Anglican) will be unchanged. Where there is a fifth Sunday, this will also be covered by the Baptist Church.

I saw the light ...

By popular demand the entrance sign light has gone for modifications.

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Slipway closed for repairs

Shoalhaven City Council will close the Greenwell Point Slipway during August 2005 to allow for essential upgrading work to be undertaken.

The West Street slipway is one of two operated by Council and provides an essential service to the boating community. The other Council operated slipway is located in Ulladulla Harbour.

Shoalhaven City Council's City Services Director, Barry Russell, said Council has been working closely with the Jervis Bay Cruising Yacht Club and other customers to ensure the upgraded facility will continue to meet their requirements.

Work will involve replacement of steel structural members, upgrading of stormwater controls and provision of additional supports to minimise the risk of boats falling over while on the slipway.

Field of dreams syndrome

After the flurry of excitement over our new entry sign, calls in last month's Gazette for comments on the issues of the Telstra tower and fencing Gordon Ravell Oval generated almost no response. Too few people voted in the on-line polls on the GTTP website to generate a sound statistical sample.

Perhaps a case of "if we build it—they will complain"?

In any event we are still waiting to hear when Council will run the public meeting on the Telstra tower proposal and the Pirates prospects of a 1st Grade promotion are uncertain.

Service break on centre court

As a result of representations from the GTTP Programme, Council have had a specialist tennis court contractor review the local courts. An estimated \$10,000 is required for cleaning, minor repairs and resurfacing with an acrylic based product called Plexipave.

Before you rush off in search of the sandshoes and racquet be warned that Council has no money budgeted for this work! Anyone for fund-raising?

Scouting About with Julie Brown

Thank you to all who supported the Car Boot Sale on 9 July. We did good.

Congratulations to Adam Riddell, Brendon Martin and Kirsten Brennan who earned their Sixer Stripes; also to Holly Wilson and Isaac Allen for being made Seconds. Well done!

Shoalhaven Marine Rescue Association stalwart, Dr. Peter Taylor, came to Cubs and helped us learn about First Aid. Thanks Peter.

We have so many things planned for this term – ten pin bowling, rock climbing wall, a visit to the Science Centre at Wollongong plus lots more.

Craig Wilson, who is going to be our new Scout Leader, is been doing his training so Scouts will be starting soon. Unfortunately the plans for the Joeys have had a slight setback so start-up will be delayed a bit.

For any enquiries for either Cubs or Scouts don't hesitate to ring me on 4447 1693.

Sports Quiz

Q. What do current England wicket-keeper, Geraint Jones, and Michael Jackson have in common? A. They both wear gloves for no apparent reason.

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Our own Lunar Park

Greenwell Point Foreshore Park has for some time been classified by Council as an Icon Park. Why is it then that the area north of the boat ramp still looks like a lunar landscape? It's supposed to be iconic of the Shoalhaven not the moon!

The best we can get out of Council is that the Landscaping Master Plan is "nearing completion". This plan was to have been presented at a public meeting last September. There now seems little chance that it will even see the light of day this September.

In the meantime some temporary repairs have been done to the boat ramp to remove the danger presented by half a dozen rusty reinforcing rods poking out of the water.

According to correspondence from a senior Council official the repairs became necessary due to a rapid deterioration in the ramp's condition. This was borne out by the Mayor who confirmed that to his knowledge the ramp had been deteriorating for 15 years!

As the good Doctor says:

Time—it's all relative isn't it?!

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Car boot sale success

A big thank you to all our helpers and to those who came along to the Car Boot Sale at the Scout Hall and made it a great success.

Friday night's deluge and the doom and gloom weather forecast frightened off some (well most, really) of the boot owners. Nevertheless, the day dawned bright and sunny, the event went off a treat and the potential of this sort of fund-raising activity was clearly demonstrated.

Special thanks to Bill Weston who was more than generous to the children of Greenwell Point with his Jumping Castle and Fairy Floss.

We would also like to thank all the local businesses for their support on the day. We'll be back!

GTTP Monthly Meeting—July

Around 30 local residents fronted up to our July meeting to hear what guest speaker Greg Watson had to say on the Shoalhaven Water situation.

The Mayor gave an interesting and informative presentation which helped put Sydney's water plans into context.

The main issue of concern to Council is the arbitrary proposal to increase the environmental flow limits from 90 m/litres to 400 m/litres.

Clr Watson showed several graphs which clearly demonstrated that if this limit was imposed then all the Shoalhaven's reservoirs would have been empty at some time in the past few years.

We have written a letter of thanks to the Mayor and offered community support to back any lobbying that may be required with the State Government.

The minutes of the meeting are posted on the GTTP website and also on the information board outside the Community Hall. Check 'em out.

Jobs Vacant

Councillors wanted to re-locate to Greenwell Point so we can get a voice in Council (several vacancies—public adoration assured). **Team Leader Business and Tourism**—to market the place. **Grants Officer**—monitor what's available from all those government departments and prepare submissions. **Campaign Director**—Marina Development Project—must demonstrate unlimited stamina. Ring Allan Mayze on 4447 0097.

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator—start it off from scratch. Ring Joe Franklin on 4447 1111.

Dates for the diary ...

Saturday 13 August—Scouts Fund-raising Auction commencing 7.00pm at Greenwell Point Hotel—contact Julie 4447 1693.

Thursday 18 August—GTTP Community Meeting commencing 7.00pm at the Hall—contact Graham 4447 1554.

Saturday 3 September—Shoalhaven Marine Rescue Association AGM commencing midday at the Hall.

Regular happenings

Every Thursday—Bingo at the Hall commencing 10.30am—Contact Lola 4447 1850.

Fourth Wednesday each month commencing 7.30pm at 23 Bartlett Drive—**Shoalhaven Vintage Machinery Club**.

Every Monday (weather and court surface permitting) from 9.30am—**Anyone for Tennis** at the Village Courts, Gordon Ravell Oval—All welcome.

Fourth Sunday each month commencing 9.00am—**Pyree Village Arts and Craft Markets** at the Shoalhaven Potters Workshop, Greenwell Point Road.

Local RFS Brigade goes on-line

It's a bit of a mouthful—but worth a look www.shoal.net.au/~greenwellpoint1/home.htm

Letters to the Editor

G'day to you all at the Gazette. I just wanted to write and express my thanks to all concerned for your fantastic contribution to our small community. I was saddened to read some of the negative responses to the poll regarding our new sign, and just wanted to encourage you all in your efforts. I appreciate very much that you put so much of your own free time into planning, organising, and doing all the hard yakka involved in trying to make things happen for the benefit of our village. It can be a sad fact of life that there are few who are willing to step up and do the work, but plenty who are willing to tell you how they could do it better (but of course have no intention of doing so!) I think you do an awesome job, and I am thankful for your heart and your dedication to get the job done. We all benefit from your labours, things happen because of the hours you volunteer on our behalf. Thank you for all that you do, you're true GP legends!!

The Russos

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