



Shapely bottoms on display

The slipping of the first deep-keel sailing vessel to use the Greenwell Point slipway since its refurbishment in August was the cause of much interest.

A posse of Jervis Bay Cruising Yacht Club members together with luminaries from Shoalhaven City Council were on hand to witness Ian Borrowsdale's voluptuous Mottle 33 rise from the limpid waters of Shaw's Creek. Local spectators rapidly swelled the crowds of on-lookers.

The Jervis Bay yachties have been heavily involved with Council in getting the slip upgraded after it was closed to yachts following a series of



accidents a few years back.

Expect a flotilla of barnacle-encrusted visitors over the coming months.

And while we're on the subject, have you been wondering what those four strange platforms are which float high above the slipway? No, they aren't for painting tall ships. When the carriage is lowered into the water they are for the operators to stand on while guiding the vessel into place and securing safety straps under the hull.

Council's flood management planners clearly had a hand in the height specifications!

Village gets approval of seal

We have recently enjoyed the company of a number of interesting visitors in the form of some fur seals.

The collective name for all seals, sea lions and walrus is pinnipeds. This name comes from two Latin words, pinna and pedis, meaning 'fin-footed' and relates to their webbed feet.

The NSW Parks and Wildlife Service advise that it's important to remember that seals are wild animals and they should be treated with respect. Interference by humans and dogs can cause them great stress



and seals can be surprisingly aggressive when frightened. They have large, very sharp teeth and a strong jaw and can inflict severe injuries. If

you see a seal on a beach you should keep a reasonable distance away - at least 30 metres. Also keep dogs under control and away from the seal, for the safety of the dog as well as the seal. Do not attempt to herd the seal back to water, throw water on it or try and feed it. The seal will leave when it is ready.

Column 3



Spot the difference? No—not the fact that the editorial column is being used for advertising. The new signs tell the story. After 13 years in Greenwell Point the Bowchers have decided to pack up their East West shingle. The business has been bought by Elders of Berry who also have branches at Shoalhaven Heads and Jamberoo.

Tony is planning to have a holiday for a while before deciding on the next move but Marie and Don are finally retiring after 30 years in the real estate caper. Patricia will be staying on to work with Elders directors Brian McGoldrick and Alex Cochrane and property consultant Peter Watts.

Best wishes to the Bowchers for whatever their future holds and a hearty welcome to our newest business.

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Scouts doubts flushed away

In a recent press release Clr Gareth Ward said "I am delighted to be able to announce that following representations made to the Shoalhaven Water Strategic Review Committee by Clr Kerr and myself, Council has unanimously resolved to exempt organisations such as Girl Guides and Scouts from paying water and wastewater access charges."

The issue grabbed Clr Ward's attention in a chance meeting with our own Julie Brown earlier this year. He was appalled to find Julie having to scratch for sponsors simply to pay a huge water bill and undertook to set matters right.

Result—our scouts save several hundred dollars to do real things! Onya!

Cricket Pitch

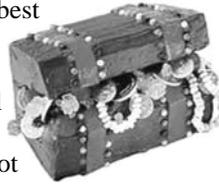
How many Council maintenance staff does it take to re-turf a cricket pitch? A cricket teams worth if the group spotted at Gordon Ravell Reserve on 28 September is anything to go by. In fact there were 13 participants although only nine were sporting the official team colours of blue and luminous yellow. The others must have been coaching staff.

Get quizzed for school

Don't miss the P&C's upcoming extravaganza "A Nautical (Trivia) Night" at the Hall on 15 October.

Win a prize for best costume.

But please note that an old Greenwell Point Pirates jumper does not qualify as nautical!



Form a team (up to eight per table) and BYOG. Everything else including a four-course meal, tricky questions and loads of laughs is covered by the \$25 tickets which are on sale at the school or through Kate—4447 0115.

Contributors wanted

Got something to say? Why not write an article? Cut-off date for copy is the first of each month. Contact the editor on 4447 1554.

Doggy dolings

Our foreshore reserves are very popular areas for people to walk their dogs. The only restrictions are that your dog must be kept on a lead and you are responsible for removing any—how shall I put this—poo.

These areas are used and enjoyed by many people and especially young people.

Most dog owners recognise their responsibilities and pick up after their dogs. But a recent refusal to do so when challenged by the owner of an elderly beagle will only fuel the argument to disallow dogs from public areas. It is in the interests of dog owners to ensure they all do the right thing.

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The AGM for the Community Hall Management Committee took place on Friday 30 September. A record turn out saw Chairman (Tony Fowler), Secretary (Michell Crossman) and Treasurer (Vera Farnham) re-elected unopposed, though Vera is keen to find a replacement to train up. Lola and Roy Stevens volunteered as assistant booking officers.

Lots of work has been done in the past year and most maintenance (apart from a repaint of the ceiling and replacement of fire extinguishers) is up to date. A proposal for more power points and improved lighting will be put to Council. The kitchen will soon have a new fridge—courtesy of Meals on Wheels.

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Pink Ribbon Month



It's Pink Ribbon month so don't miss the local contribution to this very worthwhile fund-raising and awareness-raising campaign.

"Bonza Bingo for Breast Cancer" is on Monday 17 October at the Hall commencing 11.00am. As well as the bingo there will be lots of raffles, cash prizes and surprises.

At \$5 for a 20-game book this has to be great value. There will even be half-books for the less devoted bingo-ees. All proceeds go to the Pink Ribbon Appeal for breast cancer research. For info ring Denise on 4447 0135.

Don't miss "A German evening"

Or as they say in the fatherland—ein Deutscher abend.



Come and enjoy an evening of German food, beer, wine and dance. It's at the Bowlo on Thursday 27 October and tickets are strictly limited. \$30 per person includes three-course meal, lucky door prize and entertainment. Get your tickets before 20 October from the Bowlo or from Coral Tree Lodge. Support your local Get to the Point Programme and have a great night. The Bowlo courtesy bus will be available for revellers.

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Scouting About with Julie Brown

Congratulations to Jayden Hanchard who received his Seconds (2nd) Stripe.

A great night was had by Dad, Cubs and others on our rock climbing night at North Nowra Gym, finished off with yummy pizzas. But by far the best activity for the month was our camp at North Wollongong, visiting the Science Centre, then a visit to the Miniature Steam Train Exhibition which included rides on the trains as well. Thanks to the great weather we even managed a swim, while some collected many unusual rocks.

Activities planned for next term are a visit to the Fire Station, Billy Cart Derby, possible camp plus many more exciting things.

If you have a special hobby you are more than welcome to come along and share it with us.

Good news! Scouts will be starting up in the second week of next term. For further information, ring Scout Leader Craig Wilson on 4447 0401. Cubs start back on Thursday of the first week from 6.30 to 8.00pm. We are looking for a bookshelf to store and display our books. So if you have one stored away in the back of the garage and would like to donate it to the Cubs and Scouts call Julie Brown on 4447 1693.



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The following DAs were received by Council during September: DA05/3371 Dwelling Additions—First floor decks 21 Haiser Rd.

Break and enter

A spate of robberies earlier in the year seemed to have ended when police made some arrests a couple of months back. Unfortunately reports were received just as we went to press of further break-ins in West Street and Adelaide Street on the evening of 30 September.

Please make sure your property is secure at all times and report any unusual activities to the police.

Calling all community groups

Do you want your regular meetings listed on this page? Contact the editor.

Landscape Master Plan at last!

Council are organising a Public Meeting on Wednesday 19 October to enable the community to view and discuss plans for proposed foreshore works and the village landscape master plan. An informal gathering of Councillors and Council officials is scheduled for 3.30pm at the foreshore reserve just north of the main wharf. The Hall has been booked as a backup in the event of inclement weather.

If you can't make it to the afternoon meeting then the plans will be on display and open for discussion at the GTTP Community meeting at the Hall from 7.00pm on Thursday 20 October.

Entry sign suggestions

The September GTTP Meeting unanimously agreed to a proposal by Jim Wallis that "Some wording be added to the base of the sign along the lines of 'The Original Shoalhaven Port' or 'Shoalhaven Historical Port - Since 1829' and arrangements be made to provide a separate sign closer to the village for the purpose of advertising events and the like".

Another boat ramp?

Consideration is being given to seeking a NSW Fisheries grant to assist in formalising the makeshift boat ramp at the southern end of the public reserve at the southern end of Crookhaven Drive.

Is you have any views for or against this proposal please contact Ron Vaughan on 4447 1133.

Dates for the diary ...

Saturday 8 October—RFS Open Day from 11.00am to 2.00pm at the Fire Shed

Saturday 15 October—"A Nautical Night", a trivia night organised by the local P & C commencing 7.00pm at the Hall—contact Kate 4447 0115

Monday 17 October—Bonzer Bingo for Breast Cancer commencing 11.00am at the Hall with all proceeds to Pink Ribbon Day—contact Denise 4447 0135

Thursday 27 October—A German Evening organised by the Get to the Point Programme at the Bowlo—contact Vera 4447 1358

Friday 11 November—School Art Show at the Hall—contact Kate 4447 0115

Regular happenings

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

Shoalhaven Vintage Machinery Club—Last Wednesday each month commencing 7.30pm at 23 Bartlett Drive

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

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

GTTP Community Meeting—Third Thursday each month commencing 7.00pm at the Hall.

Ladies Auxiliary—Third Thursday each month commencing 1.30pm at the Hall.

Strong support for marina

About 15 responses were received to the poll in last month's Gazette asking if people would support a proposal to develop a marina at Greenwell Point. Only two of the respondents expressed misgivings but the rest were all positive.

The South Coast Register recently ran an article announcing the resurrection of proposals for a marina in Jervis Bay. We contacted June Webster at the Register and told her that Lazarus was also at work in the village and that we had a marina proposal for consideration.

June subsequently wrote a very positive article which appeared on 26 September. We also had some encouraging feedback from Tom Phillips, Council's Tourist Development Manager and a couple of interested councillors.

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