



## Germany gets to the Point

There was plenty of “oom” and not a little “pah pah” when almost 90 revellers rocked the Bowlo for an “Evening in Germany” on 27 October.

GTTPP Events Team leader Vera Farnham was thrilled with the success and said “The Bowlo Bistro’s Ainslie and Louise and chef Doug Inneswell did a fantastic job with the catering and visitors from the Wollongong German Club raved about the authenticity of the sauerkraut and other German specialities on offer.”

“The function was a great opportunity to get the community together and raise some funds for future events or community projects” said Vera “and I want to thank all the people on the events team for their efforts and to the local community for getting behind us”.



“There was so much food” reported Ian (Makka) Mackay “you couldn’t jump over the Black Forest Cake. It was a top night—everyone enjoyed themselves—I even had a dance!” he added.

Many not only got into the spirit (and beer and wine) but also the authentic dress. GTTPP stalwart Ron Vaughan was resplendent in lederhosen (mit beer stein).

Picture (inset) are

Italo Beroldi who starred on the squeezebox and (back l to r) local beteiligtoers Ron Vaughan, Monika Oakman, Janelle Tompsett, Vera Farnham, Laurel Kennedy and (front l to r) Eddie Vanoucek, John “not the last concert” Farnham and Karl-Heinze from the Wollongong Germania Club.

Don’t miss it next October!

## Column 3

A series of public consultation meetings have been held recently to present an update on Council’s plans for the Shoalhaven Multi-Purpose Cultural Convention Centre to be built in Nowra.

The ambitious design includes a 933-seat main auditorium with retractable seating to allow conversion to 530-seat dining on different levels. Immediately adjacent the main auditorium will be the 200-seat theatrette.

We wrote to Council in May to ask why there was so little information or community consultation about such a high-budget project (\$7m this year and \$23m overall). The response was “... Council has had the development of a Cultural Centre in Nowra on its planning agenda since the 1980’s but has not been able to bring this development into reality because of competing project and funding priorities.”

One of the “competing priorities” which apparently got swept aside was the \$2m budget for works at Greenwell Point. What would you prefer? A posh Cultural Centre or an upgraded boat ramp and better waterway facilities at Greenwell Point. Make sure your elected Councillors know your views.

## Name our icon park competition

Following the public meeting (see report on page 3 for more) held on 19 October to view the components of the foreshore Plan of Management, the Get to the Point Programme has decided to run a competition to select a name for our waterfront park.

“Greenwell Point Foreshore Park” just seems to be lacking something—and we don’t just mean grass or trees or a

parking area or a non-eroding bank. No, what we need is something that is symbolic of the area maybe with a historical or memorial theme. Drop your entries in the GTTPP Community Suggestion box or email editor@greenwellpoint.info.

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**Scouting About** with Julie Brown

The term started with a visit to the Open Day at the Fire Station, then the Billy Cart Derby at Willandra Farm. I'm not quite sure who had the most fun, the Cubs or the Dads who joined in pushing the billy carts. We even had a special race for them.

A highlight of our visit to The Jungle Book replica cave was being abseiled up the pole. I'm not sure what we learnt about caves, but boy it sure was a good night.

Activities coming up are a Fright Night, a visit from the Culburra Life Saving Club and a joint camp with 1st Illaroo Cubs.

Scouts have now started up with five members, and we're hoping this number will grow once the news gets out about all the activities that are happening. Starting with fishing off the wharf and a camp which could include canoeing we have plenty of ideas in mind.

We have been very fortunate to have been donated a large marquee in fantastic condition by Michael O'Connor. Thanks heaps; it's guaranteed use.

**More Trivia**

The GP United Hospital Auxiliary will be holding a fund-raising Trivia Night with Robert Crawford as MC at the Bowling Club on Monday 14 November. A \$5 entry fee, payable at the door, covers games, raffles and a lucky door prize. BYO snacks but drinks to be purchased from the bar. Come along and join in the fun.

**Community Suggestion Box**

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**Naughtical Night**

P & C secretary, Kate Carr, reports their October Trivia Night was a hoot. "We raised \$3,000 for our little school, so congratulations to the wonderful community that supported the evening. The food was supplied by all our local businesses, fresh and fantastic as usual!"

Our MC for the evening was Popeye assisted by the ever-faithful Olive Oyle (aka Andrew and Wendy Williams) - a brilliant team! Auctions were held and hotly contested, bribery and blackmail were rife, gang-planks were walked.

All ships sailed the seven seas, handled skilfully by their captains and kept safe by their OH&S officers who ensured the decks were kept clear and clean by the galley slaves."

Sample quiz question—What be 'avin four 'ands, four legs, an' four eyes?

A: Aaarr! Four pirates!

**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.

Most dog owners recognise their responsibilities and pick up after their dogs. But a recent refusal to do so 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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Fund-raiser extraordinaire, Denise Sanders, reports that 58 players turned up at the Hall to compete for the 40 prizes up for grabs at her Pink Ribbon Day/Breast Cancer Council bingo morning.

"We had a light lunch in the break as well as a lucky chair and drawing the raffle winners. There was nothing in it when the answers on each table's trivia sheets were marked off. The results showed the 'babes' are brainy as well as generous".

While the second half got underway Denise was in the counting house so that at the close she could announce the attendees had raised \$1,100—way to go!

Denise says "Thanks from me and the Breast Cancer Council to each and every one of you players, donors and helpers. God bless you all. Feedback has been really good so it looks like I'll have to do it again in '06. But before then I hope to see you all in May for another Big Cuppa! Ooh roo."

**We just publish them**

This pirate walks into a bar with a steering wheel in his pants. "Hey pirate, you've got a steering wheel in your pants." says the barman. "Aaarr!" says the pirate "I know—an' it be drivin' me nuts!"



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## Council plans unfold in public

About 30 interested locals rolled up to the public meeting organised by Council to formally unveil the plans for the foreshore park, the boat ramp upgrade and the foreshore erosion works. Councillors Paul Green, Jack Kerr and John Wilmott were in attendance to gauge public opinion. A couple of broadsides were fired.

If you couldn't make it to the meeting the plans will be on display at the next GTTPP community meeting (7.00pm 17 November at the Hall). A subset of the plans has been posted on the notice board outside the Hall.

The GTTPP has written to Council highlighting concerns raised at the public meeting which included: the parlous state of the current boat ramp and the lack of funding to progress the upgrade works; perceived detrimental impact of proposed boat trailer parking to properties along the southern end of Adelaide Street; adequacy of proposed boat ramp and boat trailer parking to satisfy future demands; and the need for additional toilet facilities at both the boat ramp and at the West Street ramp/slipway.

At the GTTPP meeting held on 20 October a motion was unanimously agreed that any surplus funds should be directed towards bringing forward the design of the boat ramp. Concern was also expressed that commencement of the foreshore works is being postponed until February despite funding being available and a contractor having already been selected.

Our letter concluded by saying "We understand that commencement of any works on the icon foreshore park is dependant on finalisation of the Plan of Management. This is currently scheduled to coincide with a Council meeting in February 2006 which would enable the plan to be placed on public display in March/April. If there is anything which the community can do to ensure this timetable is met then we would be happy to assist."

## The big question

What was God doing before He created the world? Most likely waiting for Council approval! By courtesy of Sydney Morning Herald readers.

## Shoalhaven Vintage Machinery

The SVM Club meets on the last Wednesday of each month (See Regular Happenings on page 4 for details) and anyone interested is welcome to attend.

The Club's first display will be held at Bomaderry Markets on 26 November with plans afoot to display at the Nowra Show in February.

Guest speaker Jim Walliss enthralled the October meeting with tales of early transport and engines that operated from the Port of Shoalhaven at Greenwell Point.

## Anti-social behaviour

Local Councillor, Paul Green, says "There is a growing problem of alcoholism, vandalism, and anti-social behaviour amongst the youth across our villages. The police are limited in what they can do. Parents on most occasions are unaware of it, our seniors feel threatened and the community is left to pick up the pieces. What can we do? Its time to speak up."

Paul has agreed to address the next GTTPP meeting on this important community concern. The meeting will be held commencing 7.00pm 17 November at the Community Hall. Come and have your say and together we will try to address this growing problem.

## Special thanks from GTTPP

To the Bowlo, Joe Franklin and German Night MC Harry Berger.

## Get cool—jump in the pool

The village swimming pool will be open as follows until 26 March 2006. Outside school holidays open daily 7.00am—11.00am and 2.00pm—6.00pm. During school holidays open 7:00am—6:00pm excepting public holidays when hours are 1.00pm—5.00pm. Closed Christmas Day. Are you with me so far?

Charges for casual swimmers (as opposed to season ticket holders not formally-dressed ones) is \$2.50/adult, \$2.00/child and \$2.00/concession. Children under two years (does Council's generosity know no bounds?!) and supervising non-swimmers can get in free.

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### Not so sticky wicket

The cricket pitch at Gordon Ravell Reserve has been rebuilt because it was undersized according to Cricket Association scrutineers. Council's Sportsground Officer, Gary Girdlestone, said "We took the opportunity to relocate it (the pitch) and to move the football field further south away from the pine trees to improve player safety. The trees have numerous protruding roots in the in-goal area. It has nothing to do with the fencing issue."

At the same time the cricket pitch was raised at one end to make it more level and the footy goal posts have been replaced with removable posts.

There are plans to gradually build up the southern end of the playing surface so that it does not so readily suffer from flooding.

### Reporters wanted

Got some juicy gossip? Maybe even a true story? Why not write an article? Cut-off date for copy is the first of each month. Call Mr Ed on 4447 1554.

### What happens next?

Fresh from their success with the German evening the GTTPP events team are hard at it on the next project. How about a local Australia Day event? How do you think our community should celebrate this special day?

What about ideas for a unique annual major event that will put Greenwell Point on the tourist map? Something akin to the Stawell gift or the Melbourne Cup but without all that running or horse poo.

If you have any suggestions then let Vera know—4447 1358. Or better still—join her events team.

### Carols at the Church

Carols will be held in the Greenwell Point Union Church again this year commencing 7.30pm Monday 19 December.

There are secret plans involving the use of puppets in this year's event. Want to know more? You'll have to pull some strings and be there on the

### Dates for the diary ...

**Friday 11 November**—School Art Show prize giving from 5.30pm at the Hall—contact Judith 4447 1439

**Sunday 13 November**—**Learn to Bowl** the Bowlo commencing 10.00am. You need to be 11 years or over and wear flat-soled shoes—bare feet are cool too

**Monday 14 November**—**Trivia Night** organised by the GP United Hospital Auxiliary at the Bowlo—Contact June 4447 1255

**Monday 19 December**—**Christmas Carols**—commencing 7.30pm at the Greenwell Point Union Church.

### Regular happenings

**Scouts**—**Every Monday** 6.00pm to 8.00pm at the Scout Hall, Greens Road—Contact Julie 4447 1693

**Cub Scouts**—**Every Thursday** 6.30pm to 8.00pm at the Scout Hall—Contact Craig 4447 0401

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

**GP United Hospital Auxiliary**—**First Thursday** each month commencing 2.30pm at the Hall. See above for November meeting details.

**Shoalhaven Vintage Machinery Club**—**Last Wednesday** each month commencing 7.30pm at 23 Bartlett Drive. No meeting in December.

**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

**GTTPP Community Meeting**—**Third Thursday** each month commencing 7.00pm at the Hall

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

### This is the LAST Gazette !!!

For 2005—we are in recess for a couple of months to recharge the literary urges of the editorial and reporting staff (and probably several glasses).

So to all our faithful readers out there we wish you the very best for the festive season and hope that 2006 will be a safe and peaceful year for all.

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