



Have the sandflies been consulted?

That was the question raised by a wag at the public meeting held on 18 May to hear about the proposed tourist development on Goodnight Island.

This prompted a number of locals to volunteer their "secret" sandfly remedies to island owner Milad Raad.

About 60 interested locals gathered at the Hall to get the good oil from Mr Raad and his consultancy team led by Rita Qassabian from architecture practice studiointernationale with support from engineer Daniel Martens.

At this stage a very preliminary set of documentation has been submitted to the NSW Department of Planning. Provided consent is given then a development application will be lodged with Council. So if you heard that the project had gone straight to the State government in order to bypass Council then you heard wrong.

Another rumour that was scotched on the evening was that the "Olympic Village" cabins will be used on the island. Mr Raad stressed that this was not the case as the plans for the island involved accommodation of a much higher stan-

dard.

Under the plans the cabins will go "somewhere away from Greenwell Point" and be replaced by a restaurant/café, some retail shopping space and underground parking to service the island. In the meantime the cabins are expected to be open for business in the near future.

The general tenor of the meeting was supportive of the proposal and the GTTPP will be investigating how the community might take advantage of the proposal to improve local infrastructure and waterway facilities.

There are several ecological issues to be addressed but from what was heard at the meeting it looks like these will all be considered in the planning process.

It's full steam ahead and if things go according to plan the resort (or retreat as Mr Raad prefers to call it) should be operational within three years.

If you want some more detail on the proposal then there is a copy of the preliminary planning submission on display at the Post Office.

Telstra tower "peeps" over horizon

Did you get Joanna Gash's invite, to talk about mobile coverage, in your letterbox? 6.00pm at the Hall Wednesday 7 June (Dress: smart casual).

Following a desultory approach in 2005 we have been waiting for over a year for some public consultation with Telstra on the issue of a tower being built round the back of the fire shed.

Shortly after the invite went out the GTTPP was in touch with Council to find out what had happened to the public consultation promised nearly a year ago. A letter was quickly received indicating that in fact Council had refused the Telstra DA. This could account for the small drop in Telstra's share price last week!

But if you still feel the need to tell Joanna what you want her to do about mobile phone coverage in Greenwell Point then be sure to rock up to the meeting on 7 June. You too can help raise the sale price for Telstra AND boost the surplus!

Denise brews up another cuppa

What a Big Morning Tea we had on 24 May when about 55 thirsty teaophiles converged on the Pub.

Smarty pants Helen Day took out the guessing competition conducted in conjunction with the consumption of gallons of tea and copious other sweet and savoury delights.

Replete, the assembled throng then sat back for the drawing of the Lucky Door and Raffle prizes. Denise thought there were too few happy winners when all the prizes had been handed out so she tried to raffle off the one and only male (aka The Stud). Suffice to say that this attempt didn't boost the revenue pool but with all the generous donations she was still able to raise nearly \$800 for cancer research. Thanks to everyone for their support and remember to watch out for the Pink Ribbon Day for Breast Cancer which will be happening in October.

Denise says it will be huuuuuuuuuge!

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Council is applying to the NSW State Government to introduce a 6.5% rate increase for 2006/2007. Rates increases are currently pegged at 3.6% per annum. What will this well above CPI rise mean to your hip pocket? Council's website has an on-line calculator to work it out for you or you can ring them up.

What will Greenwell Point get out of a budget including this rate rise? You'd think we would be in for a decent chop given that the (Draft) Foreshore Plan of Management process has identified just over \$2.5m of works required to be undertaken.

Well according to Council's Draft Management Plan for 2006/2007 we are to be allocated . . .

\$80,000 just to do some design work on the new boat ramp and \$15,000 to renew some swimming pool infrastructure. Nothing (yes you heard right—that's ZERO) for further foreshore erosion works or the ICON park.

So we'll get \$95,000 (or less than 0.2%) of a total capital budget of in excess of \$45 million and very little of it to result in tangible benefit.

And after an exceedingly slow start to spending the Mayor's pre-election announcement of \$2.0m they were doing so well. We got a fair wallop (\$300,000) this year for the foreshore erosion works and there is a mad effort underway to spend \$75,000 on the park before the end of the financial year. But you'd think after finally publishing a plan they would at least leave the tap on for a bit. God help us if our park did not have ICON status!

There is significantly more (but not enough) money in 2007/2008 for all these projects but we have learned from experience that out-year budget estimates for this area always have a habit of evaporating when they move to current year. This is known as the "cold clear light of day priority adjustment" phenomenon.

Meanwhile back at the Nowra Cultural Centre a mere \$16.5m has been set aside for 2006/2007. Hope you like culture.

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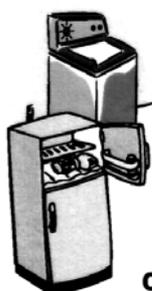
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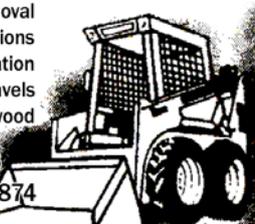
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Any old Iron?

The Shoalhaven Vintage Machinery Club joined in with the Big Variety Bash at the Nowra Showground on 28 May. They were very pleased to have their engines running and on show and were amazed by the level of interest shown in the display.

Next outing will be at Berry Showground on Sunday 12 June with a big day planned with the Vintage Car and Motorcycle Club.

Meet a local *with Jackie Parry*

Have you seen that new friendly face in town? You know, the one that looks as though it has twenty things at once spiralling around his mind. That's David Copleston, the new owner of the Greenwell Point Hotel.

"Moving south from Surrey Hills in the winter is not ideal", He admits, but "I love Greenwell Point. The people make the place" he muses, "I take a walk along the waterfront every morning; it's just fantastic."

From Surrey Club Hotel, David is no novice at giving the public what they want. Immediate plans are a pool table (delivery of which was during this interview!), more amusement machines and thereafter improving the bottle shop and doing up the main bar area.

When I mention long-term plans, the smile fades a little and the brow furrows a bit deeper. Investigating licences and the how and wherefore for a future beer garden and other improvements are a consideration.

"There's a lot to do!" he laughs. The famous Greenwell Point fodder will stay the same; however breakfasts may be available soon. David has 13 rotating staff and his son may visit to help with renovations. Pop in and say "Hi!"; you'll receive a warm welcome.

Senior citizens news

Upcoming Seniors meetings will be on Mondays 12 and 26 June at 1.00pm; all welcome to come along.

Interested in a bus trip to Bellbird Resort, Avoca departing 15 October for five nights six days? Ring Clare 4447 1533 and get on board.

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Hospital Auxillary

The United Hospital Auxiliary would like to thank all the members and supporters for their help, donations and contributions for the recent Mothers Day Dinner at the Greenwell Point Chinese Restaurant as well as the stall held in the main foyer of the hospital.

These two functions brought in just short of \$1,000 which will be put to very good use in the not too distant future.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 1 June in the Community Hall at 2.30pm, when final plans will be made for the craft day which is to be held in the Hall on Saturday 10 June commencing at 9.00am.

Anyone wishing to sell and/or demonstrate their crafts can find out how by contacting Diana on 4447 1602, June on 4447 1255 or Vera on 4447 1358.

Darting in and out *with Phil Reeves*

The Greenwell Point men's team finished second on the ladder and then won their major semi-final 6-3 to progress straight through to the grand final to be played on Wednesday 7 June at Bomaderry RSL. (I guess this means there won't be any darters at Joanna's little *soirée* then—*Ed.*)

The mixed team are guaranteed the minor premiership with one round still to be played.

Despite their outstanding performances this year both teams are on the lookout for new talent. So anyone wishing to try should contact Craig Wilson (Mens) on 4447 0401 or Peter Wood (Mixed) on 4447 0079.

Crafty ladies get more parcels

Say thanks to Marcia Campbell for the parcel of craft plastic and nylon ribbon which will be put to good use.

Kids poetry competition

Calling all kids! We would like you to tell us in a short poem what you do in Greenwell Point. What sports do you play? What are your hobbies?

The winning entry will appear in the November Gazette and there will be a PRIZE!

To enter, drop your masterpiece in the Community Suggestion Box at the Black Marlin. Write a little poem between eight and twelve lines. Take it from here...

**I know how I love to be
Down by the River where
I can fish for free
For this pastime gives me
A chance to catch a great big fish
And have a really good feed**

Scouting about *with Julie Brown*

That was a short retirement—while I am no longer the Cub Scout Leader at Greenwell Point, I am working with the cubs at District level.

By now you should be using your new phone book. These were delivered in record time by the Cubs, Scouts and Leaders with revenue going towards their Job Week Service. A great big thanks to all who helped make this possible.

Both Cub and Scout Sections are growing with about six new starters in the last month. The Scouts have been very busy with a visit to Cresswell (including dinner) and a visit to the Ambulance Station. They also tried their hands at canoeing at the head of the River at Bendeela.

Cubs have been very busy as well, with crazy pirate activities at the pirate-themed District Camp at Lake Tabourie, bringing out some you beaut "Aaah! Jim Lad" outfits.

The Pack is working together to get the local History Badge, starting with a visit to the Nowra Museum, then a trip to Nowra Showground for more historical memorabilia. Having already marched on ANZAC Day this excursion may be all some of the Pack need for their Heritage Badge.

Still more on badges: the Sixers and 2nds are off to a Leadership Camp, which teaches and encourages them in good leadership.

See Gazette back page for meeting times if you'd like to come along and join in the fun and great adventures that Greenwell Point has planned.

Meals on Wheels

Meals-on-wheels delivers nourishing main meals and sweets at a reasonable cost to folk who live alone and find making a proper meal difficult.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, volunteers have a cook-up in the Hall kitchen and then deliver the meals to our clients. Some clients choose to have meals only a few days each week.

Long-term clients include our older residents and people with disabilities. Short-term deliveries may be available for people housebound by a temporary condition (eg a broken leg), patients referred by the hospital or doctor after treatment, or those whose carers become ill themselves (or must be away for a short time). If you need this service ring Client Co-ordinator, Graham Hulbert on 4447 0385. For more information or to check your eligibility phone Janet Luxton at North Shoalhaven Meals Co-operative on 4422 5111.

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Development Applications

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Hot gossip and a little news

Can't wait for the Gazette to come out every month? You don't have to! Sign up for the gttppcommunity e-mail list and get all the goss hot off the wires as it happens. Go to www.greenwellpoint.info and follow the link to "Community" to sign up.

Is this all Greek to you? Ask the kids or the grand-kids to decipher it for you.

Park Naming Competition

A late entry from Jim Walliss was declared the winner – Titania Park. Titania is the name of a historically significant early steam boat (and as subsequently discovered also the Queen of the Fairies!). Stay tuned for next month's Gazette for a full outline of the historical role that the good ship Titania played in our past.

Thanks to all the other entrants for participating. The judges gave an honourable mention to Pelican Park which was just pipped at the post in the Eurovision-style voting frenzy!

Jim wins a ticket for two to the next major GTTPP event (not the AGM—that's free to everyone to attend!)

Speed limit poll results

The poll in last month's Gazette resulted in a vote of 29 against and 8 in favour of reducing the speed limit between Worrigee and Greenwell Point. The poll results have been reported to Council.

Clr Kerr has proposed a change to 90kmph but what's the point?

Meet your local member

Shelley Hancock will be at the Get to the Point meeting on 15 June.

If you have any issues you'd like to take up with Shelley then Get to the Hall at 7.00pm.

GTTPP t-shirts coming soon

At the May GTTPP Meeting, Vera Farnham (with modelling assistance from the Pres) presented the new t-shirts to be offered for sale through local businesses.

Apart from a change to the logo to include Greenwell Point the samples were delightedly accepted, the model got a few wolf whistles and Vera received a resounding vote of acceptance and thanks.

Keep an eye out and snap up these shirts from your favourite local business when they arrive. Advertise, look cool and support your community.

Dates for the diary ...

Saturday 10 June—Hospital Auxiliary Craft Day (plus GTTPP Car Boot Sale) at the Hall—commencing 9.00am.

Thursday 15 June—Get to the Point Programme Meeting, with special guest Shelley Hancock—commencing 7.00pm.

Thursday 20 July—Get to the Point Programme Annual General Meeting and Office Bearer Elections (hint, hint) commencing 7.00pm.

Regular happenings

Scouts (10 ½ years +)—Every Monday 6.00pm to 8.00pm at the Scout Hall, Greens Road—Contact Craig 4447 0401.

Cub Scouts (7 ½ years to 10 ½ years)—Every Thursday 6.30pm to 8.00pm at the Scout Hall—Contact Rae 4447 1735.

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.

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 Pottery 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.

Crafty Fingers Group—every Tuesday 1.30pm to 3.30pm at Coral Tree Lodge. For info call Tanya 4447 1313.

Greenwell Point Union Church—Sunday Service commencing 8.00am. First Sunday of month Baptist, second Uniting Service, third Presbyterian, fourth Anglican and fifth Baptist.

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