

## LOCAL OYSTERS GREENWELL POINT

## Column 3

New South Wales Oyster Industry sustainable aquaculture strategy plan has just been signed off by the New South Wales State Government 08/12/2006 for the water quality objective and flow objective for areas identified as priority oyster aquaculture area.

The local Oyster Industry has been working with Local Dairy Farmers and catchment Management Authority to improve water quality throughout the Shoalhaven and Crookhaven estuary to fence off riparian areas

The Shoalhaven Crookhaven oyster Industry resides over 149 Hectares throughout the Estuary with 15 Farmers .

### Single seed key to quality for Crookhaven River Oysters:

A shift from the traditional stick and rack culture to single seed has seen a significant increase in the quality of Sydney Rock Oysters grown in the Crookhaven and Shoalhaven rivers

Brian and Barry Allen ,who been farming Sydney rock oysters (saccostrea commercials) for 37 years, take great pride from their long pedigree of oyster farmers. "Our family has been involved in the industry for over 100 years, explains Brian." Our Great Grandfather, Bill Smith farmed in the Georges River and the Crookhaven River in the early 1920's. Our Grand father Ted moved to the Crookhaven in 1951.

Brian and Barry's business Shoalhaven Oyster Service, pre-sides over 51 ha. of leases spread around the Crookhaven Estuary. Like everyone else in the industry, the Allens used to grow their oysters on sticks, but have now changed over to single seed production. "We needed to do this after several years of mass mortalities of our oysters due to winter mortality, caused by the drought and low environment flow from Tallowa Dam".

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The Draft Lower Shoalhaven River Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan, will be on public exhibition from the 17th January to 14th March 2007, during normal office hours at the City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road Nowra, and the Nowra library.

A public display will also be held on **Wednesday 7th February 2007 in Greenwell Point at our Community Centre, Main Road** from 9am to 12 noon.. Council staff will be on hand to answer questions during this time.

The purpose of the Draft is to examine flooding issues relating to the floodplain area associated with the Lower Shoalhaven River which includes Greenwell Point, Shoalhaven Heads and surrounding areas; and provide the basis for the future management of flood prone lands adjacent to the Lower Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers.

Comments are sought by 14th March.

Relevant information is also available on Council's website at [www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au](http://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au) under "Planning documents and exhibition."

### Grant Sought for Greenwell Point

Shoalhaven City Council has applied for \$498,000 under the Community Fishing Assistance Program in relation to Greenwell Point Fishing and Recreational Foreshore Enhancement Stage 2.



We have a quality assurance problem where oysters and water are collected and tested over several areas to assure water quality, and at no cost to the Public.

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### Greenwell Point Women's Bowling Club

Towards the end of last year's Bowling season, the Ladies had occasion to celebrate two major events. Following her success in the State Singles where she lost the semi-final game, Debby Wilson was invited to try out for the 2007 State Team.

Not only was she successful in gaining a place in the State Team, she was also selected to play in a Test between NSW and ACT on 29th and 30th January at Rose Hill Bowling Club. A bus load of supporters from our Club will travel up to cheer her on.

The other celebration was our Club winning back the Challenge Cup from St Georges Basin who had won it the two years previously. This was a really hard fought competitive match, and, we won with a four rinks to three result! Well done Ladies.

The Men's Club joined us for a game of mixed bowls, and then sat down to our Christmas Party Lunch to celebrate the end of the year. During our game there were several stops for drinks and nibbles, which made for quite a merry group on the Greens. Santa visited with gifts (and a few

cuddles).

The ladies vied for the Best Decorated Hat, won by Elaine Wilson and Norma Watts, and the entertainer kept us busy with the Chicken dance and the Hokey Pokey!

After a break of three weeks the Ladies returned to Bowls on 9th January and we welcomed back two ladies who had had surgery late last year.

January's Queen of the Green was won by Debby Wilson who won over Norma Watts, despite Norma's valiant efforts and excellent bowling. In the Princess of the Green, Doris Hoffman was given great support for her very first challenge for the title, however, Mary Walker proved too strong, and retained the title.

Pennants begin on February 6th. This year we have a No1 team and 2 No 4 teams in the competition, so we wish all the ladies a happy and successful Season.

We have recently heard that our Patron and Foundation Member of the Greenwell Point Women's Bowling Club, Mrs Joy Norris has won the Inaugural Gilmore Long Service Sporting Award. This is an award she

thoroughly deserves. Until fairly recently, Joy played bowls with our Club and over the years, she has held most of the Executive positions in the Club, as well as winning all the Club Championships several times. She has been in the winning Pennant teams, and was Club Champion, having beaten the Men's Singles Champion, a feat that was unbeaten for nearly twenty years til Debby Wilson did it last year. Joy is always there to support us with Raffle Prizes, Lucky Door Prizes and donations. She takes a keen interest in our Club and attends our monthly Meetings. We are proud of you Joy, Congratulations on a well deserved honour.


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The Lolly Shop and Dolls Houses have proven to be a great success.

Cooler Christmas weather saw both tourists and locals flock to Jindyandy to see the charming array of quaint country stores.

The large dolls house selection, with all the miniature furniture now located in T Js Antique store, proved a great hit with young and old alike. Equally, the selection of lollies now available in the Old World I'm in Heaven Lolly Shop, pleased all. Of special interest where the boiled lollies. The new flavours of passionfruit and watermelon were very popular. The children loved the metre long sherbet straws, and the variety of special novelty sweets, not found elsewhere. After viewing the giftware at "Décor with a Difference," which now also has a selection of children's educational wooden toys and flourishing Christmas section, customers then enjoyed the beautiful setting and surrounds with coffee and cookies.

### Jindyandy Happenings

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**SCRAP FOR A CAUSE**. Shirley and Wally will again hold their very successful Scrapbooking day FOR THE CANCER COUNCIL on Saturday the 17th March from 9am to 6pm, to raise money for their team in the Relay for life. There will be music, raffles, stalls, and a sausage sizzle. All welcome.

Scrapbooking classes will run all day with lunch provided, bookings are essential for the classes Phone 44470488

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The Greenwell Point Men's Bowling Club continued its giant killing form, taking out the South Coast District Bowling Association fours crown.

The semi-final of the District Fours was played with Max Vormister teaming up with the Greenwell Point Men's Bowling Club's South Pacific winning trio of Rod Loosemore, Dennis Skinner and Ryan Loosemore.

They defeated the Nowra team of P Duke, P Brandon, G Walker and G Clarke.

Congratulations, not only to the Greenwell Point team for their win, but to all the players who played in what can only be described as extremely hot and unpleasant conditions.



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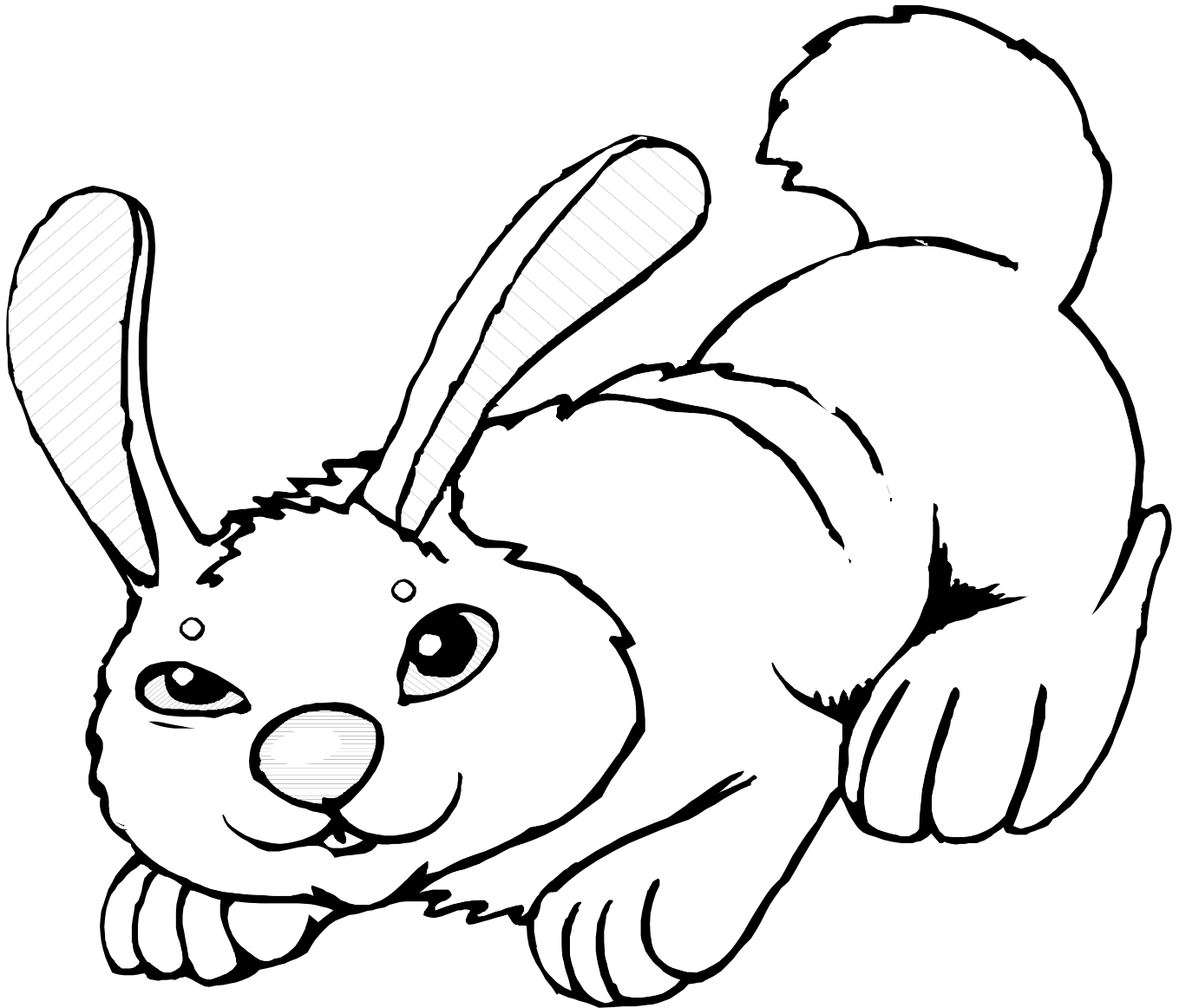
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### Reading for school children

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Please contact the school.

### Mobile Library

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This equates to 2168 hours of volunteering and training which equates to 180 hours per month .

The Santa Run by the Local Brigade was met with great enthusiasm.

Also a big thank you to the The Black Marlin for their continued support with yummy goodies.

From page 1  
The Allens use over 5.500 pvc slats for catching the oyster spat on.

By flexing the slates, the small oysters fall off, and are graded through a grading machine with different size mesh screens. The graded single seed oysters are then grown in tumblers fixed to plastic stand pipes. 4 litres of small oysters are put in each tumbler, and are thinned out every 8 to 10 weeks from October to



May. They are then graded and put on plastic trays to increase the growth for 8 to 10 months. When graded, the oysters are put in to baskets to thicken and harden the shell with further on growing to Harvest time .

The basket that we use went through a number of trials to where it has worked successfully producing award winning quality oysters.

One of the trials was putting a float on the basket, because the oysters would bunch up in one end of the baskets after strong north east and westerly winds. We would have to manually level each basket, with the float on top of the basket it would level itself, This was Katie's idea using the floats. Brian's daughter Katie entered the idea in a N.S.W. department of State and Regional Development Business competition. She took out first place with this innovative idea. It has been patented Australia and now world wide in Katie's name.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries Manager of Aquaculture Ian Lyall, Tim Gippel, Professor Ian White, chair of the NSW Oyster Research advisory committee, and Professor of water Resources have given very high support as leaders of innovative methods of growing oysters in the Shoalhaven and

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### Christian Bible Study Group

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DA/07/1017 New Commercial Home Activity for Reiki Healing Centre 5 Comarong Street.

SF 9907— Two (2) Lot subdivision under Sepp1

### Coming Events

**March**—Watch for Clean up Australia day

March 10-11 Greenwell Point fishing clubs fishing weekend

March 25-26 Callala Fishing Club weigh in Callala RSL Country Club 3pm.

Bristol Car Club will be spending at day at Greenwell Point in March

Scrapbooking day for Cancer Council Sat 17th March 9am to 6pm

Bookings 44470488 Jindyandy for information

April School fete Easter Saturday all local charities involved.

Easter Carnival 7-8 April Greenwell Point Fishing Club

May Australia's biggest Breakfast For Breast Cancer

### Scouting about *With Julie Brown*

Welcome back to the Cubs, Scouts and Leaders I hope everyone had a restful break in anticipation for the busy year ahead.

Some Group activities planned for 1st term. Head of the River Family Camp and Founders Day.

Cubs — Some super surprises have been planned for the 1st Term by your two Cub Leaders.

Scouts — Also have some surprises in store, especially with their charge Certificate course to update their canoeing skills, plus using their Kayaks that they have been working diligently on last term

### Bus Shelter

Did you all see that the old Bus shelter in Greenwell Point Road has gone.

There is a newer brighter one which has taken its place, what do you all think of this one.

### Greenwell Point School

Parents and friends would like to thank The Butter Factory, The Greenwell Point Bowling Club, The Greenwell Point Hotel and the Nowra Fish Market for their support at the Greenwell Point Social Dinner, raising money for our local school

### Dates for the diary ...

**Thursday 15th Feb**—Get to the Point Programme ) 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.

**Christian Bible Study Group** non denominational Thursdays 6.30pm 45 Comerong St —all welcome

**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 roving addresses. **Shel Spooner Sec ph. 44483424**

**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.

**GTTTP 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 Presbyterian, third Uniting, fourth Anglican and fifth Baptist.

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