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GREENWELL POINT SCHOOL YEAR

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Greenwell Point Public School starts 2007 with many new faces among the students and staff. Mrs Janine Hopwood is the Relieving Principal. Mrs Murphy has moved to Jamberoo PS. Mrs Petia Williams is teaching the Kindergarten children, Mrs Baker teaching Year 1 and Year 2. This year sees the exciting new concept of Literacy and Numeracy classes in the primary. L.N.1 is being lead by Mr Peter Carter, whilst L.N.2 is being led by Mrs Cheryl Kilmartin. These classes will allow the teachers and students to work in stage and class groups for many of the Key Learning Areas.

The new students in kindergarten have found "big" school new and exciting, and they look so good in their new uniforms. They are settling well into new routines, and of course, they love playtime.

The school also has new student leaders, with Jayden Hanchard, and Holly Wilson, being voted in as the school Captains for 2007. House captains will be elected soon.

Greenwell Point PS has started the year on a positive note, by organising the local small schools swimming carnival, held at Nowra Pool on February 14. This is a swimming carnival where the students compete against students from Terara, Nowra Hill, Kangaroo Valley and Falls Creek schools. Many parents supported the day, and assisted with time keeping, place judging and cheering the students from the sidelines.



The students have been practising their swimming skills at the local pool each Friday. It must have paid off, as two of the students swam well enough to qualify for the district carnival. Well done Cassie Gill, and Tyler Day.

The P&C of the school are also busy again, preparing a raffle for Election Day. They hope all voters will buy a few tickets for a chance to win the lovely hamper. The committee of dedicated parents, are also preparing for the Easter Fete, to take place on April 7th..



Cassie Gill and Tyler Day

Elections are in the air, so it's time to stake your claims. Politicians are very susceptible to ambit claims around this time, and so even if your prayers don't get answered in the State elections, then don't forget the Council elections will be happening later this year, and who knows what promises might be wrought from the aspirants.

According to recent Council papers, we may be in with a show for a new boat ramp to start construction in July 2008! But that of course is dependant on whether or not a State Government grant is forthcoming.

Even though a group of vocal locals got together and managed to get a grant for a fish cleaning table at the main boat ramp, it appears that Council thinks it would be inappropriate to commence works on this in isolation, and that the boat ramp and the fish cleaning facilities contract should be rolled in together to avoid public waste.

But never mind, there is still hope for the boaties. Council's Crown Reserve, Community and Operations Committee recommended at its meeting on 20 Feb 2007, that the Greenwell Point Fore-shore Reserve Plan of Management should be amended to include the possibility of incorporating a marina-type facility adjacent to the main boat launching ramp.

How good is that? One day, men may actually step onto Mars.

Meanwhile we are still confronted with the problem that the majority of the community thinks that everything is someone else's responsibility.

Take, for example, the problem of litter. People ring up the ABC and whinge on interminably about the rabble who litter the place. But guess what—the litterers only account for 3% of the population. That means that if the other 97% of us only picked up one piece of litter a day, then we would probably be able to eat our dinner off the road.

When I were a lad . . . It's nice to be back. *Sosumi Yasaku*

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On Saturday 3rd February 2007, Shelley Hancock re-dedicated the Pilot House which Joanna Gash originally dedicated on the 2nd February 1997. Since then the SMRA has had around 400,000 calls to the base, with around 100,000 boats logging on. Danielle Innes-Will organised the day along with the tireless support group. The event was also to celebrate and recognise the huge amount of hours and work our 100 plus volunteers do every year.

Also recognised were **Michael and Teresa Beckett**, for five years 24/7 as base managers. They took up residence in November 2001, and are still there serving the community

We are the busiest marine rescue unit in NSW. State-wide, 61 percent of marine rescues are carried out by volunteers, in the Illawarra Shoalhaven 88 percent are carried out by volunteers. All the rest are done by Marine Area Command (Police)

Greenwell Point Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade

The brigade would be interested in hearing from anyone who would like to become a much needed Volunteer for our local Brigade. The Brigade meetings are held on 2nd Tuesday of the month starting at 7pm. **NOTE** the AGM Sunday 25th March 11am start.

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Kingtide Oysters entered the "Oysters in the House" competition in Sydney, at the Customs House, in Circular Quay on Feb 8. Their oysters were judged against oysters from around NSW. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the quality of oysters coming from Greenwell Point. Kingtide Oysters (owners Chris and Liz Munn) were placed 2nd in the competition. It was judged by 398 people from varying professions, including chefs, restaurateurs, business owners and the general public. It was a blind taste test with the participants not knowing who they voted for, until the end of the evening. All around it was a great result for Kingtide Oysters, and for Greenwell Point. This is the first time that Chris and Liz have entered any competitions with their oysters. They were pleased with the result, simply because these are the same oysters that are sold to the general public. You can purchase from their Oyster Shed, or Seaspray Friendly grocer. Participants paid \$20.00 for the opportunity to taste oysters and wine from various regions around NSW. The Oysters from the Shoalhaven were partnered with wines from Coolangatta Estate.

Well Done Kingtide Oysters!

THE Late Mrs Jean Smith

Long-time residents were saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs. Jean Smith, formerly of Comerong Street, where she had lived for around 40 years.

Jean had played a very active part in community affairs in the Point, being involved with The Kangaroo Club, Senior Citizens, Culburra and District Community Health Service for Greenwell Point Auxiliary, Greenwell Point United Hospitals Auxiliary, and the Greenwell Point Hall Management Committee.

She held executive positions in many of these, and was also Honorary Auditor for the Greenwell Point Auxiliary of the Culburra and Districts Community Health Service for a number of years.

We will have fond memories of her.

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Saturday and Sunday 3rd and 4th of February 2007. 87 teams of 2 persons attended the third annual Coke Owen Alliance (Blue Circle Steel) Fishing Classic, on



the Shoalhaven and offshore Crookhaven Rivers. Catches were better than last year, although fishing from the ocean was the most productive.

The two day event resulted in most of the competitors staying in the Greenwell Point area, with weigh-ins conducted on the Foreshore Park (Titania Park)

Grand champions were Will Vaughan, and Peter White.

Funds raised from the event saw a cheque for \$200.00 donated to our local SMRA, although I believe no call outs were required, and the balance of funds were donated to Wollongong Hospital Children's Ward. A great time was had by all.

Scouting about *With Julie Brown*

Both Cubs and Scouts have Founders Day at Bamgalee Scout Camp, which is an important day in scouting, with water slides, flying fox, abseiling, ice blocking and many other exciting activities. Founders day marks Baden-Powell's birthday, as well, this being a special year, celebrating 100 years of Scouting. In 1907 the First Scout Camp held at Brownsea Island — England.

Scout have been brushing up on their Scouting skills preparing for the Head of the River at Bendella. They have even christened their new kayaks on the river at the back of the scout hall, canoeing next.

One of our Cub Leaders **Rae Woods** hasn't been feeling the best over the past few months. We at Greenwell Point Scout Group wish her a speedy recovery, and hope to see her back at cubs really soon.

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Coming Events

March 10-11 Greenwell Point Fishing club fishing weekend

March 25-26 Callala Fish-Club weigh-in Callala RSL Country club-3pm

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

Scrapbooking day for Cancer Council Sat 17th March 9am-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

SURELY THIS WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN A GREENWELL POINT RESIDENT!

Several weeks ago, an 11 year old, much loved dog, was left to die in the middle of the eastern section of Comerong Street. The owner was in Sydney for the weekend. Her husband was in respite, and the elderly neighbour who was to feed the dog, took ill.

The dog, partially blind and deaf, had dug itself out under the fence apparently looking for its owner. He wouldn't have seen the car. This was not a good sight to be greeted with on her return on Monday morning. One hates to think what would happen if a similar incident happened with a child.

Dates for the diary ...

Thursday 15th Mar—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.

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**

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

GTPP 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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