

## SHOALHAVEN OYSTER FARMERS GAIN DIRECT HARVEST IN COMERONG BAY.

NSW Food Authority Shellfish Program Sanitary Survey Report, 2008, has upgraded the classification of Comerong Bay Harvest Area to "Conditionally Approved"

As of 1st September 2008, this new harvest management operation allows oysters to be harvested from Comerong Bay, and sold on directly to customers.

Strict conditions must be followed;

if 25mm of rain falls in 24 hours, the harvest area will revert to "Conditionally Restricted," requiring oysters to be purified for 36 hours prior to sale. 40-50mm rainfall in 48 hours closes the entire estuary to harvest. Sampling is then conducted by an independent sampler employed by Shoalhaven Shellfish Quality Assurance Program (SSQAP). If the test results are good, then the areas are reopened.

This achievement has come after many years of costly sampling and monitoring of water quality, conducted by the SSQAP. 2005 saw the establishment of a community partnership developed by Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (SRCMA) between NSW DPI, Conservation Volunteers Australia, Job Futures Green Corps, Shoalhaven Riverwatch, Shoalhaven River Oysters Inc, local dairy farmers and landholders.

SRCMA applied for assistance with on-ground work after discussions with dairy farmers resulted in a willingness to abate river degradation and pollution from livestock grazing in the mangroves. Green Corps and oyster farmers provided labour to erect fencing on Comerong Island to exclude livestock from the man-



This is not only a great outcome for the local oyster farmers, but will assist in the protection of riparian and intertidal zones important to migratory wader habitat, and improve biodiversity and encourage regeneration of natural systems which form a critical part of the aquatic food chain.

The activities conducted in this project are the result of a process of engagement, discussion and participation with direct and immediate results, fencing and revegetation provides outcomes for farmers, oyster growers and the environment. It has also provided many positive social, economic and environmental outcomes.

"Let the season begin" cheers Lyn Desoto, Co-ordinator of Shoalhaven River Oysters Inc. and SSQAP, "this has been a long time coming, and we are working to have more harvest areas being upgraded in the very near future with the implementation of the Clean Waters Model, as used in Wallis Lakes, where direct harvest is now the norm." Shoalhaven City Council & Shoalhaven Water have committed to the model and are now working with oyster farmers in partnership, to improve water quality and reduce pollution events.

Although there are still many battles to be won in the Shoalhaven including the lack of environmental flows from Tallowa Dam, population growth and proposed developments that could impact on water quality, oyster farmers are feeling confident that this is the beginning of a new understanding within the community as a whole. "We need to ensure that water quality is of utmost importance to everyone; it is an indicator of river health. Water quality can affect the whole socio-economics of the shire," said Lyn.

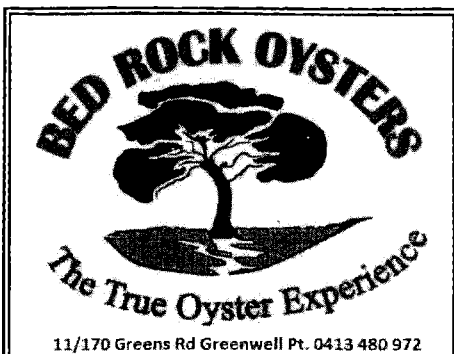
Local Oyster farmers have undergone many changes with the adoption of sustainable and recyclable poly plastic farming infrastructure. "We hope to lift our annual production, increase turnover and allow farmers to employ more staff and be leaders in our industry," said Lyn.



Shoalhaven River Oysters Inc. is an associated body which includes all of the oyster farmers in the Shoalhaven & Crookhaven Rivers. SRO Inc's vision statement is "to grow and sell oysters of consistently high quality and to position them as an essential part of the Shoalhaven & Southern Highlands living and leisure experience, to pride ourselves in the unique estuary we farm in and to strive to be environmentally proactive and sustainable in all ways possible."

Lyn & Rob Desoto have operated Bed Rock Oysters since 1999 and have won a Silver & Gold Medal at the Sydney Royal. They sell oysters from their shed at the oyster depot, and the end of Greens Road in Greenwell Point.

They specialise in the true oyster experience with their oysters opened carefully retaining the liquor for the full Shoalhaven flavour.



**OF THE OF  
THE GET TO THE POINT PRO-  
GRAM (INC.) HELD IN THE  
GREENWELL POINT COMMU-  
NITY MEMORIAL HALL ON  
THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008  
COMMENCING AT 7.05 PM**

**Present**

Pat David (Secretary), Darryl McLean (Treasurer), Laurel Kennedy, Dave McCorkell, Marilyn Delaney, Sandra England, Vera Farnham, Ron Vaughan (President), Wendy Vaughan, Tony Fowler, Peter Barrett

**Apologies**

Monica Oakman, Laine Saunders, Tony Lahood

**Confirmation of Minutes**

Motion that Minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> August 2008 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

**Moved by Marilyn Delaney****Seconded by Laurel Kennedy****Correspondence - Inward**

Letter from Shoalhaven City Council, Community Development Officer Aged & Disability, Karen Baldwin, dated 21/08/08 - Re: Seniors Week 2009 Planning Day

Copy of Email from Riverdeli dated 26/08/08 - Re: Advertising Quote

Letter Shoalhaven City Council, Infrastructure Planning, Michael Strachan, dated 27/08/08 - Re: Maritime Effluent Pump out Facilities - Greenwell Point.

Letter from Shoalhaven City Council, Executive Support Manager, Greg Roberts, dated 28/08/08 - Re: Central Area 1 CCB Meeting with Council.

Copy of Minutes of Council Meeting held 26/08/08

Letter from Shoalhaven City Council, Executive Support Manager, Greg Roberts, dated 1/09/08 - Re: Annual CCB Subsidy - Get to the Point, Greenwell Point

Letter from Mrs Doris Hoffman, Hon Sec Greenwell Point & Districts History Group, dated 2/09/08 - Re: Request notice is placed in Gazette to invite residents to become involved in recording and maintain historical records.

Letter from Mrs Doris Hoffman, Hon Sec Greenwell Point Auxiliary of Culburra & Districts Community Health Service Inc, dated 2/09/08 - Re: Urgent need for a resident to fill the position of Delegate to the Main Body at Culburra

Letter from Shoalhaven City Council, Project & Policy Coordinator, Intan Abdul Aziz-Kallus, dated 2/09/08 - Re: Wharves & Jetties Policy (Amendment No 4) - Temporary and Portable Structures.

Copy of Business Paper, Council Meeting, 9/09/08 with Attachment Folder

Letter from Shoalhaven City Council, Tree Management Officer, Cameron Low, dated 2/09/08 - Re: Tree Inspection Request - 23 Greenwell Point Rd., Greenwell Point

Letter from Shelley Hancock MP, Member for South Coast, dated 3/09/08 - Re Copy of letter sent to Mr Pigg to request that he give matters raised in our correspondence his full attention - re traffic hazard concerns within the Greenwell Point Village.

Letter from Shoalhaven City Council, Infrastructure Planning Manager, Robert Sutherland, dated 9/09/08 - Re: Bicycle Racks in the Shoalhaven.

Letter from Joanna Gash MP, Federal Member for Gilmore, dated 9/09/08 - Re: Application form for the Volunteer Small Equipment Grants Program.

Letter from Gareth Ward, Councillor for First Ward, dated 9/09/08 - Re: State of Road - Greenwell Point/Pyree L

**Correspondence - Outward**

Letter to Shoalhaven City Council dated 26/08/08 - Requesting Annual Subsidy for 08/09 Financial Year

Letter to Shoalhaven City Council dated 26/08/08 - Traffic hazards within the Greenwell Point Village

**Treasurers Report**

Financial Report was submitted and accepted for the period 21.08.08 to 18.09.08.

**General Business**

**CCB Area 1 CCB Meeting** at Council 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Dave McCorkell to attend. Items for the Agenda to include status of boat ramp, tennis court, condition of road & rabbit eradication programme.

**Get To The Point Gallery & Craft Shop.** Shop is progressing well. It has been a fantastic community effort in achieving the opening and the running of the shop. Membership is growing.

**OKTOBEFWEST.** To be held on Saturday 18/10/08. Tickets will be \$30 per person and will include a 3 course dinner, excluding drinks.

**Tennis Courts.** The net has been damaged by vandals.

**Shoalhaven Marine Rescue Assoc. - Emergency Services Day.** To be held 16/11/08 10-4.00pm Greenwell Point Park. Highlights include - Craft Stalls, Rescue Vessel Rides by Donation, NSW Police, SES, Rural Fire Service.

Meeting Closed 08.20pm  
Next Meeting - Thursday  
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**FORESHORE HAPPENINGS**

**Boat Ramp and Associated Works.**

Tenders received for this work were either significantly over budget, or non complying.

At the Council meeting of Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September it was resolved on a motion of Councillor Kerr, seconded Councillor Green that (the following is an extract of the full motion):

*“Council authorise the General Manager (Director City Services and Operations) to enter into negotiations with those tenderers submitting a competitively priced tender for a reduced scope of work with a view to constructing only the boat ramp and pontoon including the options for polyethylene based pontoon systems and enter into a Contract within the limits of Council's budget vote.”*

If this action is successful we will at least have our boat ramp but will then undoubtedly have to vigorously pursue funding for the parking area and landscaping.

**Foreshore Stabilization and Fishing Platforms**

The work between Albert Avenue and Church Street is nearing completion, with a general cleanup and further topsoil with seeding imminent.

The decks on the fishing platforms are scheduled to be under construction as you read this and I've been advised that the 3 platforms will shortly have the addition of bait tables.

**Swimming Pool Landscaping**


Kay Murray has identified funding to enable the completion of work on the eastern side of the Swimming Pool between Anzac Park and the Wharf. This will include a new fence, the path, a seat and interpretive signage. The grass has already been poisoned and the work is scheduled to commence in the next week or two.

This will mark the completion of a most attractive part of the master plan, and it is hoped that the planting will be as successful as that on the Western side of the Pool.

*Dave McCorkell*

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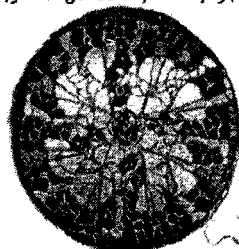
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**Scouting about** *With Julie Brown*

We have had a busy month visiting Bunnings for Father's Day, where we were treated to a sausage sizzle, Donuts and drinks. Between eating we made a wonderful tool box for dad, with the kit and hammers supplied free of charge, plus dads received some great gifts as well. A big thank you to Rhonda Burton and team from Bunnings making this one of our most successful Father's Day ever.

Fireman Sam and his side lucks, Rebecca Thomson and Krystal Brown who not only took the time to enlighten us on the aspects of Fire Safety came along to teach us about first aid, After keeping the cubs spell bound for two hours we ran out of time, so they will be returning next term with their resuscitation dummy Rosie. We were also lucky they have so kindly donated us with a U-beat first aid book ... thanks guys.

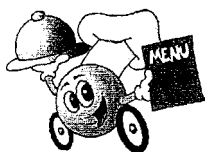
Last month we were studying Canada and as promised, thanks to the generosity of Harvey World Travel, we did have our visit from Dudley Do Right the Mountie, great hit with the Cubs.



Thanks to Bernie and Chris Smith for inviting us to the Wesley Centre. We were treated to a night of indoor bowls and supper, with mums and dads joining in and enjoying the night spent with their children.

Things to come:  
 Science Centre Camp  
 Cub Day at Jamborrette  
 A special surprise presentation.

**Greenwell Point Meals on Wheels Invitation**



The Greenwell Point Meals on Wheels would like to extend an invitation to all past volunteers, who would like to join us in celebrating 25 years of service. The luncheon will be on Thursday 27th November 12 noon at Greenwell Point Bowling Club Chinese Restaurant. Volunteers are free of charge and others \$20.00

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**Greenwell Point Memorial Community Hall AGM**

A review of the 2007 Management Plan showed a new Chair is still needed. No volunteers came from local advertising.

Tony Fowler welcomed the new P&C representative, Jenni Perkins, and thanked all those who assisted him this year.

AGM -Donna Sullivan from Council was returning Officer to elect Officers. All Honorary Officers were re-elected unopposed. A Vice Chair and an Assistant Treasurer were inducted to cover any lengthy absences by the 3 key officers.

Chairman- Tony Fowler, continuing, without booking duties, Vice Chairman-Clare Smith, Treasurer-Jacki Mowlan Assistant Treasurer- Coral Gardiner, Secretary- Laine Saunders, Booking Officer-Laine Saunders will take bookings for casual hirers. Ph 4447 0085

Maintenance Officer- John Williams  
The Committee moved a vote of thanks to Tony Fowler

ALL groups need to lodge copies of their 2009 insurance cover with Jacki Mowlam, at their earliest convenience, from January 2009.

All Regular Meetings need to lodge their 2009 BOOKINGS with Laine Saunders via the Hall's Post Box 83 or phone on 4447 0085 in November-December 2008

NEXT MEETING is on Friday, February 14, 2009 at 10:00 am in the Hall

**Nowra /Greenwell Point R.S.L Fashion Parade**

Nowra /Greenwell Point R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary is holding a fashion Parade on Monday 27th October at the Nowra R/S.L Hall Junction St Nowra. Morning tea will be served and there will be a raffle and lucky prizes to be won.

The entry to our fun morning will be \$6.00; that includes the morning tea. Hope to see you there!

The Fashions will be from NEC DIRECT FASHIONS SHOPS 46A BERRY STREET NOWRA across the road from the Comedy Theatre. If needed, is 44471822 Sandra Hill President.

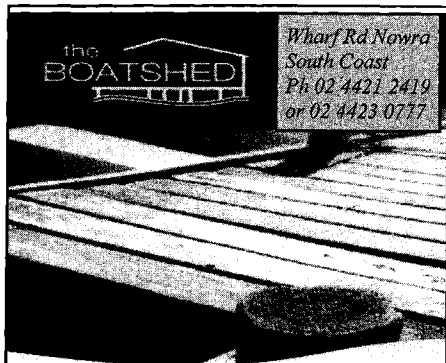
**GREENWELL POINT & DISTRICTS HISTORY GROUP**

Originally our Group operated under the Progress Association, and we gathered records of local social history and photographs, which is held in the Administration Building of the Greenwell Point school. Our President, Jim Walliss, is an active member of our group and can provide more details.

We find now, with only three members, it is time to urgently invite residents to become involved in the continuation of recording and maintaining these records. Our Village since the middle 1800's provides a comprehensive record of early Australian life and development.

We would appreciate you bringing this to the attention of your members, and also placing details in the Gazette. The Gazette is providing a vital need for our residents, and I look forward to each issue.

Thank you.  
Yours sincerely  
Doris Hoffman  
Hon Secretary



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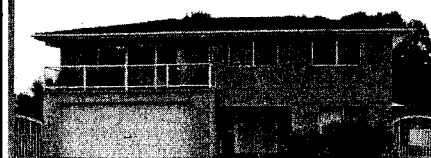
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### Brochure Requested

Greenwell Point Business Owners **take note** you are asked to attend our next G.T.T.P. Meeting Thur. 16th Oct. at 7pm, to help develop a brochure for Greenwell Point. We have been asked by the Shoalhaven Tourist information Centre to promote your business within the Shoalhaven and afar. Your input is important.

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### GREENWELL POINT AUXILIARY OF CULBURRA & DISTRICTS COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE INC

We are in urgent need for a resident to fill the position of Delegate to the Main Body at Culburra which meets at 4.30 pm on a Monday bi-monthly.

For those not familiar with the operation of the Main Body, it is a financially sound organisation with monies raised mostly from donations. Our small group fundraised as well as arrange for public speakers on health and safety matters, to improve the quality of life of residents. Our fundraising is to assist in the operation of the voluntary medical bus, which is available for those residents unable without their own transport or for a time unable to drive, to attend any medical appointments in Nowra or Culburra. The timetable for this service is organised by the Culburra Chemist who makes his staff available free of charge. This is a very difficult task as the bus covers all the eastern seaboard villages and appointments need to be booked as early as possible.

The complex at Culburra covers the Ambulance Station, the Medical Centre and the Opportunity Shop. The Ambulance Station came about as a result of our strong representation for the need.

The medical bus is used regularly by Greenwell Point residents, and cannot be used for general shopping. The drivers are volunteers, either male or female, and new names are always welcome.

The Delegate would need to be a financial member of our group (\$1 per annum) and not necessarily attend our monthly meetings which are held on

third Thursday of each month at 1.30 pm in the Community Hall. They would be kept up-to-date with our plans and report back to us on the matters of interest raised at the main meeting. It is a great

opportunity for a retired person to keep up his or hers business and administrative skills, as well as being well informed on what is happening in the community.

Donations from the Committee are made regularly to organisations for health requirements, such as special equipment for disabled children in their sports interests, first aid kits for school excursions, life saving clubs and fire brigade equipment. Suggestions are always welcome.

We hope there is someone who feels this will provide them with a challenging and interesting project. Their AGM is at the

Culburra Bowling Club on 29<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30 pm. Nominations can always be put forward throughout the year if this notice is too short.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours faithfully

Doris Hoffman

HON SECRETARY

### Greenwell Point UHA

A small group enjoyed a dinner at Shazz's bistro to celebrate father's day. A Postie Party Fashion Parade was held on 20th Sept in the Community Hall. Over \$300 dollars was raised for the hospital from these functions. Thank you to all who helped out with prizes, raffles and attending. Well Done!

### Minutes Greenwell Point Memorial Community Hall AGM

A review of the 2007 Management Plan showed a new Chair is still needed. No volunteers came from local advertising. Tony Fowler welcomed the new P&C.

AGM -Donna Sullivan from Council was returning Officer to elect Officers. All Honorary Officers were re-elected unopposed. A Vice Chair and an Assistant Treasurer were inducted to cover any lengthy absences by the 3 key officers.

Chairman- Tony Fowler, continuing, without booking duties.

Vice Chairman-Clare Smith

Treasurer-Jacki Mowlam,

Assistant Treasurer- Coral Gardiner

Secretary-Laine Saunders

Booking Officer-Laine Saunders will take bookings for casual hirers.

Ph 4447 0085

Maintenance Officer- John Williams

The Committee moved a vote of thanks to Tony Fowler.

All groups need to lodge copies of their 2009 insurance cover with Jacki Mowlam, at their earliest convenience, from January 2009.

All regular meetings need to lodge their 2009 BOOKINGS with Laine Saunders, via the Hall's Post Box 83, or phone on 4447 0085 in November-December 2008

NEXT MEETWG is on Friday, February 14, 2009 at 10:00am in the Hall.

Representative Jenni Perkins

and thanked all those who assisted him this year.

### Coral Tree Triples Smashing Success

The annual three-day Coral Tree Lodge Prestige Triples began on 16th September at the Greenwell Point Men's Bowling Club.

The tournament with a total prize pool of \$7,500 was judged by all as an outstanding success.

Thank you to the volunteers who were at the club at 7am each morning.

This year a side from Temora quietly went about their competitive business, and recorded the only six game result to take out the \$3000 division A first prize. The winning team from Temora was Bruce Saffioti, and brothers Trevor and Bruce Firman.

**Coming events**

**Oct. 4-5 Club fishing .** Watch weigh in at 3pm.

**Sun 5th Oct ...Barefoot bowls** at the Bowling Club commencing 1 pm.

Contact the bowling club for further info.

**Sun 5th Oct.** Bowling Club white goods raffle Starts 3pm \$3000 value.

**Oct 18-19** Liverpool Small Boats visiting . Names on list at Club and visitors are welcome to watch weigh ins at 1pm.

**Sat 18th Oct.** Oktoberfest in Greenwell Point Community Hall. Tickets available at The Gallery

**Nov 8-9** Club fishing day. Residents and visitors welcome to watch weigh-in at 3pm.

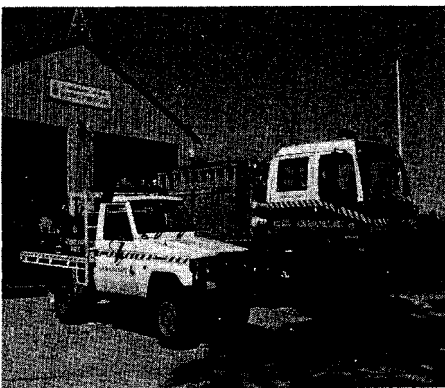
**Sun16th Nov.** Emergency Services day At Greenwell Point further info. Call Danielle 44220144

**Mon 17th Nov** Christmas shopping trip to Birkenhead Point organized by the U.H.A Greenwell Point all welcome Phone Dianna 4447 1602 Coach departs G.P. at 7.30am

**GP Volunteer Fire Brigade**

So far this month we have attended four incidences , two grass fires, one house fire and an unknown incident. However, we have been kept busy with maintenance and training. Do not forget the fire season has started ,and permits are now required for any burning other than preparation of food. To obtain a permit please call the captain on 0409913549 or 4447 0083.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th October , feel free to come along and see what your local brigade does. Many thanks for the support from the community.



Worried about funny business?

**Report ALL Incidents**

**Police Assistance Line—131444**

**Crime stoppers—2800 333 000**

**Regular Happenings**

**Scouts** (10 ½ years +)—Every Monday 6.00pm to 8.00pm at the Scout Hall, Greens Road—Contact Alan 44471693.

**Cub Scouts** (7 ½ years to 10 ½ years)—Every Thursday 6.30pm to 8.00pm at the Scout Hall—Contact Rae 4447 1735. or Julie 44471693

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

**Bingo at Bowling Club** Tuesday 1pm and Tuesday evening at 6.30pm Ring Club to book club community bus to attend these functions

**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 . Shel 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.

**Euchre at Bowling Club** Wednesday 11am.

**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 branch C.D.C.H.S. 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.

**Senior Citizens—meet alternate Mondays** commencing 1.00 pm at the Hall. Bingo Afternoon tea and lots of laughs.

**Greenwell Point Social Darts** — held at Bomaderry RSL on Fridays at 7.30pm

**Christian Bible Study Group** meets Thursdays at 6.30pm 45 Comerong St, Greenwell Point non-denominational Enquiries . 44470111

**All Welcome** Bobby and Lou

**Greenwell Point Union Church—** Sunday Service commencing 8.00am. First Sunday of month Baptist, second Presbyterian, third Uniting, fourth Anglican - a Communion service followed by morning tea, and the fifth Baptist. Every Tuesday afternoon, excluding School holidays there is a Bible Study group at 2pm. This has been going for 20 years. It is only a small group, and we would welcome others to join us.

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**Get to the Point Programme (Inc)****NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday 16th October 7pm**

**Greenwell Point  
Community Memorial Hall**

**ALL WELCOME**

**Local Justices of the Peace**

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