



**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF GET TO THE POINT PROGRAM (INC)
Held in the Community Memorial Hall Greenwell Point Rd Greenwell Point
Commencing at 7:00pm on 16TH JULY 2015**

PRESENT

12 MEMBERS

Chairperson: Peter Talty

APOLOGIES

Warwick Wright, Nicki Wade, Peter Taylor, Helen Taylor, Lyn Nolan, Joe Franklin, Tanya Patterson, Laurel Kennedy, Grahame & Rhonda Ross.

MINUTES:

Minutes of Last AGM Read

Moved: S. Hargraves

Second: J Kostiuk

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Printed copy of Report distributed, and discussed (see attachment A)

TREASURERS REPORT

Printed copy of Report distributed, and discussed. Current year has seen a loss of \$2,212.49 mostly due to Gazette not covering printing costs. 2015 a new advertising fee structure introduced which should see the Gazette covering its own costs and showing a profit by mid 2016, if all current advertisers continue.

Moved: Clare Smith

Second: Michael Kostiuk

There are No further Annual Reports. All Committee Positions are declared Vacant. Laine Saunders Appointed returning officer

Applications Received

President: Peter Talty Nominated: G Ross Second: R. Williamson Elected Unopposed

Vice President: No Nominations – POSITION VACANT

Secretary: No Nominations – POSITION VACANT

Treasurer: Ann Williamson Nominated: P. Talty Second: G. Gardiner Elected Unopposed

Committee:

WEB: Bob Williamson: Nominated: P. Talty Second: A, Williamson Elected Unopposed

SURVEY: Phil Morehead: Nominated: P. Talty Second: G. Gardiner Elected Unopposed
ADVERTISERS: Graham Ross: Nominated P. Talty Second R Williamson Elected Unopposed
COMMITTEE: Graeme Gardiner: Nominated P. Talty Second A. Williamson Elected Unopposed

The “New” committee were congratulated and assumed their position for General Meeting.

General Meeting continued.

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General Business

Council has received an Application for Food Stall in Titania Park

Those at the meeting felt that another Food Outlet in Greenwell Point was to the detriment of the already existing food outlets.

The following comments from the proprietors of Anglers Rest and residents were received

- 1. Greenwell Point has many food outlets, including outlets near the proposed food van. Greenwell Point also has many vacant shops.**

We do not need someone competing with existing shops. These existing shops have invested in the Point or pay rent. This proposed mobile food outlet would only take business away from existing shops. It would also increase the possibility of more vacant shops.

Resident

- 2. Our thoughts are as follows.**

The tip of Greenwell Point already has 2 take away stores / cafes (Pelican Rocks and DJs) and 1 ice-cream / drinks store (Angler's Rest) located within 50m from location 1. Location 2 & 3 are probably less than 50m from location 1.

These existing 3 stores provide services 364 days a year and are probably profitable for 150 of those days. These existing stores pay rates and taxes and employ local people. The food van will be around on the most profitable days only and will not contribute funds or employment opportunities on an ongoing basis. The food van will service customers during busy periods and thus reduce the viability of the 3 existing businesses.

Will it offer any products or services that are not already available & in close proximity? On the busy days parking space for visitors to Greenwell Point is already not available within 100m of these proposed locations - this van would take up at least one of these parking spots and increase pedestrian congestion in car parking areas. Is this a safety issue?

For all of the above reasons we oppose this application.

Regards, Liz & Simon

3. As local residents we would like to lodge our objection to a mobile food van being approved for Titania Park at Greenwell Point - or any other place in Greenwell Point for that matter.

A mobile food van would no doubt impact on our local take-aways, cafes and bakery, the owners of which have worked hard to build up their businesses. The local people depend on them. They are open and providing us with a service every day of the week - summer and winter, rain, hail or shine, whilst a mobile food van is only there when it suits *them*. A mobile food van would also impact on our Marine Rescue team who use the monthly markets to provide market goers with a "sausage sizzle", profits from which go to support the work they do.

We consider it unfair that a mobile food van should be allowed to come into the village, as it would impact heavily on our local small businesses who have invested in their properties, equipment and stock, pay rates, and also provide employment to local people. There are at least five small businesses in the village, which would undoubtedly be affected by any loss of business, and we don't want to lose any one them!

Greenwell Point cannot afford this

Resident

4. My gut feeling is that we need to keep our customers that advertise in the Gazette, out in front, and not have some food van come into this area and take away customers from local business. We have some great food sellers in The Point, and I can't think what a van will bring to the table, except upsetting our local businesses.

My thoughts are we do not need another food supplier near or at the park.

Resident

Gazette Report

Letter from Grahame Ross, Committee member for Gazette Advertising see attachment "B"

Gallery Report –

Clare Smith reported that the Exhibition Wall will be used every month this year.

Stuarts Buses are conducting bus trips to visit Gallery, last one was very successful. Next visit is in October patrons visit Gallery then visit Greenwell Point Hotel for lunch.

Gallery AGM August 2015.

Ann Williamson asked Clare for calendar to add to the GTTP website.

Mens Shed Update

Bob Williamson – President of Mens Shed

Currently 30 members meeting at 16 Adelaide St. (Thanks to Gary and Helen)

Pursuing use of Scout Hall

Discussions underway with SCC and RFS to use land on Greenwell Point Rd (Current location of RFS)

Grants are being applied for to assist with the start up. Bendigo Bank & 2015 Community Grant from State Government.

Annual Survey

Phil Morehead to compile 2015 Survey

Suggestions for questions

- Mobile Playgroup – to use Community Hall
- Aqua- aerobics

Peter asked that the draft survey be ready by 24th August for inclusion in next Gazette (September)

Copies of survey to school

Other Business

Laine reminded us that the Community Hall is managed by local volunteers.

Hall is booked every weekend in September.

AGM will be held on 4th August following UHA meeting.

Clare Smith advised that there were incorrect phone numbers in the Community Directory in July Gazette.

CCB Business

Councillors Familiarity Tour will take place on Friday 31st July, time to be advised. We will raise issues such as erosion of foreshore in Anzac Park, road surface cnr Jervis & South Sts. Site for Mens Shed.

SHET committee meeting Wednesday 22nd July – Bob Williamson is our representative on this Committee.

Barry Virtue thanked the committee for stepping up in 2014, and likes the direction and action being taken by current committee.

No Further Business. Meeting Closed 8:30pm

Next meeting Thursday 20th August

Chairperson _

Date

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President's Report to the AGM of Get to the Point Inc. - 16 July 2015

1. Before getting into “what has been achieved”, “who to thank”, and “what we will do in the next year”- I'd like to query the very name of this organisation:
 - I've talked to people who think it is some sort of tourism venture “Why don't you get to Greenwell Point?” – and they are not interested in that – so why come to a meeting?
 - I've talked to people who think it must be a debating club – encouraging its participants to ‘get to the point’ they are trying to make. And they don't like debates, so why come to a meeting?
 - There are people who think it is about growing the population, or the number of houses, or keeping real-estate prices higher – “Why don't you all come and live at Greenwell Point?” And they don't want GP to grow – so why come to a meeting?
 - And there are a few who know what it does, and what it can do – mainly the ones at this meeting – and that's why we come to meetings.

Does the name matter?**Does attendance at GTTP meetings matter?****Is attendance at GTTP meetings a measure of interest by locals in community matters?**

Greenwell Point community has, many times over many years, shown its willingness and ability to rally round and support worthwhile causes, people needing help, special events, and special projects. Magically, a lot of that happens without too many people coming to meetings like this. It is part of the magic of small rural towns in Australia.

So how does it happen? How does anything on the GTTP agenda come to get broad community support?

There are many factors I suspect, but some of the more important ones are:

- Listening to what the community wants – and constructing the GTTP agenda appropriately. (This is why we have an annual survey of residents and ratepayers.)
- Getting runs on the board (i.e. implementing at least some of the things that people want) – and growing the level of trust over time;
- Using existing networks of connections (media, as well as personal) to get messages out. (Hence the high value put on supporting the *Gazette*, and connecting with other community groups.)
- Actively growing connections and our ability to communicate efficiently and effectively using those channels. (Working slowly but surely to grow our email contact list, and looking at ways to make better use of social media.)

So to answer the above questions:

Does the name matter? My view is – yes, it does. I'd rather see this organisation be called something like “Greenwell Point Community Forum” or even “Greenwell Point Residents and Ratepayers Association”. I think it would help to make locals feel more a part of the process.

Does attendance at GTTP meetings matter? My view is – yes, in the long term, it would make a difference. Connections get made by diverse people meeting one another, getting to know each other, and understanding diverse points of view. This is one place where locals can meet.

Is attendance at GTTP meetings a measure of interest by locals in community matters? My view is – no, it is not a good measure of interest by locals in community matters. There are a lot of locals

who participate regularly in various community groups – generally more narrowly focussed than GTTP. So they can't be accused of "not being interested", but their interest does not always coincide with broader, community-wide matters often on the agenda of GTTP.

2. Achievements, milestones, and note-worthy items in 2014 / 15:

- Continued support for the production of the Greenwell Point Gazette;
- Continued operation of the Gallery and Craft shop;
- Support for the Heart Foundation walking-group initiative;
- Support for the air-conditioning of the Community Hall;
- Support for the establishment of yoga sessions at Greenwell Point Hall;
- Support for the 2014 school initiative: The Oyster and Fishing Festival;
- Support for the establishment of Greenwell Point Men's Shed Inc.;
- Continued liaison with Shoalhaven City Council to address various infrastructure matters around town;
- Representing Greenwell Point where necessary.

3. Thanking the special people:

- First one to thank is Joe Franklin for continuing to support GTTP in the way he does. Being Public Officer and Returning Officer Joe performs vital roles in the continued smooth operation of GTTP. Joe achieved his own milestone this year – congratulations from all of us.
- Second one to thank is Ann Williamson – who has very ably coped with not just the role of treasurer, but most of the role of secretary as well. Yes, it is too much on one volunteer; yes, it is unfair that one person has to do all that – but without Ann's support for the last year GTTP would not have been able to achieve what it has achieved.
- Clare Smith leads the team for the shop – well done. Warwick Wright has continued to do a lot of the hard yards to produce the Greenwell Point Gazette – a publication much valued by the community at large. Bob Williamson has not only looked after, and greatly enhanced, the GTTP website – but more often than not he stands in for me at Council and other meetings to ensure that the Greenwell Point voice is heard, and that we have first-hand knowledge of what is going on that might affect our community.
- I'd like to finally acknowledge the many helpers: Gazette deliverers: Bob and Avril Hadley; Bob Luckman; Phil and Jan Goodwin; Coral and Max Gardner; John Elliott; Ann and Bob Williamson; Shirley Hargrave; Grahame Ross. Committee helpers: Phil Goodwin; Grahame Ross; Vicki Carew

Plans for 2015 / 16:

- We will start the year the way we did last year: with a survey of residents and ratepayers, to be sent out with the September Gazette. Phil Morehead is coordinating the survey this year and is more than happy to get your input to frame the questions, and also your responses to help us develop our work plan for the year.
- Apart from that - it is business as usual. There are some new faces on the committee to welcome. There are way too many documents from Council to actually read – so if someone likes that sort of thing please let us know. It would be great to have someone extract the gems from the pile to bring to our attention.

Finally, to the regulars at these meetings - thanks for your support over the last year. If I am successful with my nomination to continue on the GTTP Committee for another year, then I look forward to working together with you – and having another fun year supporting the Greenwell Point community!

Peter Talty
16 July 2015

10th July 2015

Peter Talty

President: Get to the Point Programme Inc

Dear Peter,


Please give both mine and Rhonda's Apologies for the July 16th meeting as we are away for the next two weeks. We will still be contactable on Email and Rhonda's mobile (0411025948).

All Gazette have been delivered (copy attached), except for the local school, as they are on leave, could you please hand them 10 Gazettes when they return to School.

Question I have listed below and if you would please discuss with the committee on my behalf.

- a) Some customers that place advertisements are finding changes to the shape and size of their advert in various Gazette issues. (Why)
- b) *PJ's* Fish & Chips unhappy with their advert, and are thinking of cancelling future advertisements in the Gazettes. Owner stated that he asked the Gazette to change the advert and it still had not been updated. I have enclosed his business card this set up should be in the next edition of the Gazette. This may help me keep this account.
- c) Business cards, Is it possible to have business cards made up with all of the get to the Point Logo's and email addresses on them, but leaves off the name of the committee member, that way, when new members come onboard. They have cards readymade and they only need to write their name on the card to hand out.
- d) I have also attached a Nomination form for a position with the committee, I have not nominated for any particular position but I'm happy do my bit and help out where I can, so I will leave the spot up to you, that you would like me to focus on.

Yours Sincerely


Grahame Ross