



**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF GET TO THE POINT PROGRAM (INC)  
Held at Greenwell Point Bowling Club, Greens Rd., Greenwell Point  
Commencing at 7:00pm on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**PRESENT:**

17 Residents present, as per attendance sheet.

Members were also asked to enter their details in the “Membership Book”

Chairperson Peter Talty

**APOLOGIES:**

Vera Farnham, Joe Franklin, Julia Buckingham, Dave McCorkell, Graham Gardiner, Nicki Wade, Margaret White, Warwick Wright

**MINUTES:**

Minutes from September meeting read.

Moved: Shirley Hargrave

Seconded: Clare Smith

**MATTERS ARISING - None**

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

This is our last General meeting for this year and the fourth one for me as President. So I'll try to cover quite a few issues here that have come up in the last four months as a sort of mid-year summary of what is happening, what is going well, and what is not going so well. Part of my job has to be maintaining the “big picture” while at the same time making sure business-as-normal goes on.

1. The big picture: GTTP is no longer at risk of shutting up shop. There is a core team of dedicated and enthusiastic individuals doing things nearly every day to ensure that GTTP is not only relevant to the community but also valued by the community. Four months ago I believed that the role of GTTP was to coordinate, facilitate, cooperate, encourage, and support other groups and activities, as well as to initiate activities where we see a need. That philosophy seems to be working well so far.
2. On the plus side:
  - the continuation of the Gazette would have to be high on the list – through a lot of effort put in by Warwick Wright, Ann and Bob Williamson, Jeni Harvie and not many others. Issues for next year are already being planned. A big thank you to them.

- the increasing profile of the Gallery and Craft Shop – thanks to the great work of Clare Smith, Margaret White and the new team which took over a few months ago.
  - Helping in various ways with the Oyster and Fishing Festival.
  - Initiating Yoga in Greenwell Point – thanks here to Julia Buckingham for getting it started. There were 22 people there last Monday – a full house!
  - Tanya’s walking group exists due solely to Tanya’s efforts. We will continue to help her promote the activity.
  - The community survey via the Gazette in September. This turned out to be an excellent way to get some community input and guidance. We will do another survey next September to see how we are going – but we have plenty to keep us going till then.
  - Supporting the efforts of the Hall Committee to get air-conditioning into the community hall. Helen Taylor is here tonight from the Hall committee to answer any questions you may have. The system is in, and works very well. I think the Committee plans to have an “official turning on” of the aircon very soon.
  - Sorting out historical reporting discrepancies with DFT. This is some of the more boring stuff that committees have to do. Suffice to say GTTP is now in the good books with DFT and we will try to keep it that way.
  - Representing the community at various forums. Bob will speak tonight about a couple of the forums he has been to lately on behalf of Greenwell Point community. Many thanks Bob.
  - And last but not least: Improving the website – those who look at the site regularly will have noticed the improvements. Bob has made it much easier to find things – and has plans for more improvements next year.
3. By calling the above items successes does not mean that they are not also “works-in-progress”, nor does it mean that they can’t be improved. The GTTP committee itself has room for improvement – some more willing hands will mean that more can be achieved in any period of time. Without extra help less can be achieved and it takes longer. The Gazette production process has room for improvement. It is not fair and not viable to have the whole process on the shoulders of one person. I’d like to see some sort of Gazette Steering Committee to help plan many issues ahead, to help source material, and to assist with the myriad of tasks that makes a good community newsletter. We are fortunate to have a few people over the years who did their part in production of the Gazette - so they really understand the cycle and the pressures involved. I believe they would be a valuable resource to be part of the new steering committee. (Marilyn and Laurel – just to mention two.)
4. What is on the back-burner: some of the items in the list below emerged from the 2014 survey, others are just a normal part of the business of a committee like this – aiming to improve aspects of the life in our community and getting the committee onto a more sound footing so that it can function effectively well into the future.
- Men’s shed
  - community garden
  - swimming group (and other initiatives ...Dragon boats? Bike riding? Kids Club?)
  - Speakers for 2015
  - further website improvements
  - gallery business development
  - strategic plan for GTTP
  - operational plan for 2015, 2016, 2017
  - preparation of the August 2015 survey
  - and others...

To wrap this up – the next meeting will be in February 2015 – well after the holiday crowd has gone home. Thanks for your support this year – and I look forward to tackling some new challenges with you next year. Have a great Christmas.

Moved: Clare Smith

Seconded: Shirley Hargrave.

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

Presented: Total Deposits \$812.46

Debits \$416.35

Gazette Advertiser rates need to be discussed.

Moved: Marilyn Fincham

Seconded: Diana Medcalf

## **TEAM LEADER REPORTS**

Gazette: Editor Warwick Wright not present.

Peter said that the Gazette needs a team, some standards and new rates should be set.

Web Management: Bob Williamson

Have been in communication with originator Graham Bannister, who has handed over access to “Flicker” (photo storage), pictures are now available on website but more are needed (information on when/where the photos were taken would be great)

New website, spec to be written, what do we require?

More information on the web, would like to show more pictures.

The use of website as a communication aid, as communication for Greenwell Point is very poorly done at the moment.

Gallery: No Report received, Margaret White not present

Social Development: No Report received, Joe Franklin not present

Physical Design & Environment: No Report received, David McCorkell not present.

## CORRESPONDENCE INWARD

REF	From	Subject	
2014/015	SCC	Acknowledgement of Grant App	
2014/016	SCC	Traffic & Transport	
2014/017	SCC	Agenda Development Committee	
2014/018	SCC	Agenda Ordinary Meeting	
2014/019	SCC	Minutes Meeting 16/09/14	
2014/020	SCC	Agenda & Policy & Resources 1st Quarter Report Delivery Program	
2014/021	SCC		
2014/022	GP Memorial Hall	Hire of Hall July - Sept	
2014/023	GP Memorial Hall	Receipt of Donation from Survey	
2014/024	CBA Ace Creative	Bank Statement #96	
2014/025	Design	Newsletter #107	
2014/026	SCC	Flood Plain Feasibility Study	
2014/027	SCC	Notice of Ordinary Meeting	
2014/028	SCC	Minutes Meeting 28/10/14	
2014/029	Doris Hoffman	Letter re Gazette	
E-mails	SCC		40
	Fed Member		13
	State member		26
	Gazette		13
	Other Business		14
	Total		106

## CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARD

	To	Subject	
email	South Coast Bdg	Receipt Gazette	
email	Anchor Bay	Receipt Gazette	
Mail	The Point Gallery	Receipt	
email	SCC	Southern Phone Grant	
	SCC	Southern Phone Grant	
	SCC	Southern Phone Grant	
E-mails	Redirect & Bulk		17

Letter from Doris Hoffman (2014/029) read.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

- UHA held Garden Party in Laurel Kennedy's Garden. Well attended, fund raising went well.
- Tanya Patterson reported that her Heart Foundation walking group was doing well. She will be attending a HF workshop on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. One of the topics will be their website as it is

difficult to navigate. Those wishing to join Tanya's Group can register online, a link to the registration form can be found at [www.greenwellpoint.info](http://www.greenwellpoint.info)

- CCB Meeting at SCC: Bob Williamson attended for GTTP  
Well attended by CCB members and councillors.  
Information and minutes of this meeting can be found on the SCC website.  
Greg Watson was asked would SCC ever consider dredging Crookhaven River.  
The last time SCC dredged was 1940's.
- Drainage  
Council has been out surveying level of silt in drains. Spotted in Adelaide St, this is the 4<sup>th</sup> survey on this area. Drains will be cleaned by Xmas 2014?  
Cleaning is a priority.
- Shoalhaven Heads Estuary Task Force. Meeting Wed 19<sup>th</sup> November attended by Bob Williamson.  
Study by UOW PHD student Rafael Carvalho presented
- Council has \$50k towards a study and had been given another \$50k from State Government. A tender to go out next year to look at a Study to investigate options for improving flows of the Shoalhaven River at Shoalhaven Heads.  
At least 6 studies have been done. Heads were opened 1974-1978 before biggest floods in 50 years.
- Emergency Services Day  
Poorly attended there was as many Emergency Service Volunteers as there were visitors.  
Another example of the poor communications in Greenwell Point.
- Greenwell Point Sign. Greg Watson was asked if it could be re-erected on original site. Greg will look into this.
- Community Hall. Helen Taylor commented on Air Conditioning, the generosity of GP residents has made this possible. The opportunity to install prior to summer became available, just have to pay now!  
Greenwell Point Hotel will have a fund raiser on 14th December. 30 hams will be raffled from 5:30pm
- Footpath on Terara Street to Pharmacy. Greg Watson was asked if this was a possibility in the near future. Contact Ben Stuart.

**Meeting Closed at 8:20pm**

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HALL, GREENWELL POINT ROAD,  
ON THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY AT 7PM**

**Chairperson \_**

**Date**