



*Welcome to my **SANCTUARY
POINT CONCERNED
CITIZEN NEWSLETTER**
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We have been given SUPPORT from our Federal and State Parliamentarians, our Local Council, the Police, the Local Business Owners, the Media and many of the Local Residents, who call our Town “Home”. There has been some improvements around Sanctuary Point ... but! there is more ... much more to be done!

When you read this current issue and if you would like a copy of previous issues, I can not send you a hard copy. However, If you have an e-mail address and telephone me with your details, I would be pleased to e-mail you a copy of past issues. Telephone 02 4443 3394

Although it is not my intention to primarily dwell on Law and Order issues in Sanctuary Point, there are many other issues that need to be addressed. However! I would call upon any person, who seriously want to see the Dignity and Pride return to our town; to be a pro-active watch dog and when necessary, to provide our authorities with the information, that will assist them, to resolve any un-lawful action taking place in our Town.

The Police will provide me with the latest monthly Incidents, as from next month and I will include them! here, in my monthly newsletters.

POLICE REPORT

Period:

Sector 12 - Sanctuary Point Sector 13 - Bay & Basin

Assaults:

Break, Enter & Steal:

Malicious Damage:

Steal From Person:

Steal from Dwelling:

Steal from Motor Vehicle:

If you think it is **Wrong**, phone it **In** on the Police Assistance Line **131 444** It will be recorded as an Incident and passed on to the appropriate Police Station to follow up ... It will also become a Statistic and they can be used for the allocation of Police in your Local Police Precincts.

If it is an EMERGENCY call **000** and ask for **Police**.

or **CRIME STOPPERS** call **1800 333 000**

Remember ... If you want to stop Crime ... I mean ... You really want to stop Crime ... Commit yourself to a **SIGNED STATEMENT** and you will **REALLY** give your **POLICE** something to **WORK WITH!**

State Elections are now over, Shelley Hancock has regained her Liberal South Coast seat and now takes her place in a Liberal Party elected State Government ... Shelley Hancock MP came to our support during her election campaign, for which we were thankful for her time ... Now! is the time to see how Shelley Hancock MP can help us, as a State Government Member of Parliament, after sixteen years in opposition ... "Congratulations Shelley" ... Now is the Time ... we need your Help!

CCTV Cameras have been very successful in reducing the Illegal use of Graffiti on Public and Private premises ... proven Fact! ... we have asked for Cameras at Sanctuary Point and I believe they will not only prove to be a deterrent in the long run, they will be proved to be cost negative, when it comes to the bottom line, of the Sanctuary Point Business owners and the pride given back to all of us, who call Sanctuary Point ... **OUR HOME!**

This is the goat track, opposite Unicorn Avenue, that leads from Centaur Avenue. It climbs steeply to the top of Frances Ryan Reserve, where a gate is placed, to enter or leave the reserve ... but! we are not goats, we are mere humans and unlike goats, we fall very easily, with dire consequential results. Please!! ... can we not have this attended to, before someone has a bad injury!



This passage way, across the Reserve (Playing Fields) to the back of the Shopping Centre, is in an atrocious state of un-kept public land from Kerry Street to Pelican Street ... Don't take my word ... just go and talk to the residents, your constituents, who feel the shame, every time their friends visit from out of our town.

I keep hearing there is not enough funds in the Budget ... is it not true? that a Budget is a proposed estimated cost, derived from known variables, at a time when the budget is compiled and if this is so! is it not true? that there must be an inbuilt understanding, that a budget will often bring in an actual cost ... over or under the budget. Then is it not so?, that it is the lack of expenditure spent by Council on maintenance and not the lack of funds in the budget, that results in the shabby state of our town SANCTUARY POINT. Budgets rarely come in on costs, especially when they are grossly understated. Is it not obvious! that Sanctuary Point has been UNDERSTATED?



STOP PRESS!!:

Without being too! Optimistic ... I am going to give credit to the Shoalhaven Council, for the integrity and honesty, they are showing towards our concerns; about returning the **Pride** and **Dignity** to our town SANCTUARY POINT.

On Friday 1st April, 2011 a Delegation from Council and the Sanctuary Point Shop Owners and Tenants, assembled together, to discuss the long overdue re-beautification of the versatile and very handy shopping area of Sanctuary Point ... Buildings, Car Parking, Signage and the general Tidy and Clean appearance was discussed, to attract the return of shoppers to an appealing location, where they can shop with Pride and Dignity.

If this comes to pass, the Business owners can get on with doing what they do best ... that is to run their business, with the Pride and Dignity that they owe to those who determine their bottom line, to the ones they call CUSTOMERS ... to the ones that I call "THEIR BOSS!" With the Greatest Respect ... Thank You SHOALHAVEN COUNCIL. and thank you! ... Shop Owners and Tenants ... **"Together"** you can make a Difference!

To Have or not To Have? That is a Question!

I have been approached to support the opposition on the installation of a 30 Metre Tower, in the back yard of residents in Waratah Crescent Sanctuary Point, that may affect the health of the children in the vicinity ... I have since visited Shoalhaven Councils Web site and I have to say; is very informative and very user friendly. Should you like to visit ... it is www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au then

Click on Development

Click on Agree

Go to Application Number and type in the DA number RA10/1010 then press enter on your key board

Click on the + in the square box

Click on the Proposed Plan and Elevation and you will see the proposal of the Regional Development Application.

It would appear that the Proposal is for Telstra to erect a 30 Metre (98ft 5inch) Mono (single) Pole for their Mobile Network Site, for the improvement, towards a better Mobile Communication Service for Country Australia. The Mono Pole will be erected over existing Telstra cables, on the Golf Course. The site will be surrounded by trees and as shown by Telstra, little visible effect will be seen ... Shoalhaven Council have sent out letters, explaining the Development of the Telstra Mono Pole and have asked that any submission related to the application, be submitted to Council.

Residents, golfers and anyone, have the right to submit their “objection” or “acceptance” of the development, as we see the affect, of this development in our Town.

As Concerned Citizens of Sanctuary Point, no doubt, you did see the Car in the Drain, when you crossed over Cockrow Creek Bridge ... I just happened to be passing by and I, just, managed to get a couple of photos!!! Oh! ... by the way, the sign says “Road Subject to flooding Indicators show Depth” ... What Indicators?? they are missing, also! ... when you drive into SANCTUARY POINT.

Before, when the car was in the Drain

After, when Council cleared the Drain



Council can do it right when it pleases Them! ... So! “Why not do it! ... to Please Us”??

The Day We said ... ENOUGH!

Councillor Bob Proudfoot rallied the citizens of SANCTUARY POINT to assemble with our WORKING TOOLS, amongst the shabby result, left over, from the Shoalhaven Council's Maintenance Department.

At 2.45 pm. a group of concerned Citizens , assembled, tools at the ready, to tackle the overgrowth, the Paspalum, , the possible Snakes, Ticks and Spiders that were lurking in and around the Cycle Track and Walk Ways on the approach to our town ... that we call ... SANCTUARY POINT.

For approximately two hours Councillor's Proudfoot and Watson, together with approximately ten other willing defenders of the RIGHT marshalled at the roundabout on the Wool Road and Larmer Avenue ... Lawnmowers, Brush Cutters and a Grass Blower in hand, to clean-up and face off with the untidy approach to SANCTUARY POINT. Two hours later, we started to improve, what Shoalhaven Council could not do in Three Months, the supposed Maintenance schedule put down for Sanctuary Point ... that! which was informed to me, by our Mayor Councillor Paul Green, who said, "Grass cutting was four (4) times a year".

This showdown, repeated itself on a further two occasions and on each occasion, I felt very humble, to have been part of teams, who showed me, that PRIDE and DIGNITY was not lost in SANCTUARY POINT ... it had just been underestimated by others, who did not appreciate the PRIDE of our Citizens ... who do call our town ... HOME!

After Council's Quartley Cutting



After Citizen 2 hours Cutting



My SAY!

My rating of Councils Action to Help Us! since my first February 2011 Newsletter issue.

Graffiti, rampant and unchecked — Points out of 10 = 5 (You have made a start, the CCTV Camera will make a big improvement).

Pot holes in Shoppers Parking at Sanctuary Point Shops — Points out of 10 = 5 (Please refer to the **Stop Press on page 3 Meetings are like Budgets, they mean very little, unless their follow through, returns a positive action, that achieves a positive result, for all concerned.**

Lack of Maintenance of Access to and around Sanctuary Point—Roads, cycle/walk ways, Cockrow Creek Bridge crossing, Drains, poles and Posts, gutters and at intersecting roads and where Council leave their pipes and concrete grates. — Points out of 10 = 2 (We have seen the local Citizens, trying to show Shoalhaven Council, how it should be done! ... what an improvement ... but! don't get the idea that we are going to take the work away from the Council Maintenance workers, we want Council to give their Maintenance workers the people power and resources to do the job ... RIGHT!). We have seen Council Maintenance, starting to make Sanctuary Point look a little more pleasing There is much more to be done and time is your witness!!

I am pleased to say that some attention has been directed towards Sanctuary Point and some steps, are being put in place, to bring about change! for the good of SANCTUARY POINT. Graffiti , will not be accepted on Public or Private property and when caught, offenders who are prosecuted ... will have a Criminal Record for Life.

Mayor Councillor Paul Green has made a visit to Sanctuary Point to listen to the Concerned Citizens and although the Mayor took lots of notes ... his actions are yet to be implemented. Mayor Green has been given a list of names, addresses and Contact Numbers, that he said he will contact, to attend a meeting that he will organize after the State Election ... it is hoped, the meeting will be, the inaugural meeting, of future meetings between Council and Concerned Citizens and that we trust, together, we can bring about changes, to the way things are done in our town, that will become the catalyst, of how they are done in all of the Towns of the Shoalhaven.

During March 2011 my wife and myself were proud to have been part of the group of Concerned Citizens of Sanctuary Point, Councillors of Shoalhaven Council and Media representatives that took the extraordinary step up to the plate and symbolically and yet! Physically, took matters into their own hands and showed Council, how we want Council Maintenance to Maintain our Town with Dignity and Pride ... It is Time for Council to give their Maintenance Department, the Resources and People power, to do the job right. How can we expect Dignity and Pride to return to our town, if Council won't give their employees the Dignity and Pride, they require, to do their job ... 'RIGHT' ... in the first place!

**Thank You! to those who Care ... The road will seem shorter,
when the Journey ends!**

Inserted by the Editor as a Community Service for the SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA

When you are going on the waters, of the ST GEORGES BASIN ... Don't forget to log on and off with Marine Rescue Sussex Inlet, for the safety of your life on the water. (27 Mhz Chn: 88 VHF Chn: 16 Telephone: 4441 3555).

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