

*Welcome to my **SANCTUARY
POINT CONCERNED
CITIZEN NEWSLETTER**
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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You Know
it's Right!**

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 and future issues ... telephone: 02 4443 3394

Christmas can be a wonderful time of the year and a great time to catch up with Friends, Family and those who throughout the year, you have not had the time to contact.

It can be a time of Forgiveness, a time of Reflection and a time to Wonder! ... If we could have done things a little different, would it have made a difference in our lives, or someone else's!

For Kate and I, Christmas is a time of Giving and Receiving! ... Not just material things, but! The Gifts more precious, than those, that come with a price tag! ... The Men and Woman in our Australian Defence Forces, who are ready to lay down their lives, for persons they don't really know and for stepping up to the plate, to say "We care what happens in our Country." The Firies and Ambos, the Police and Emergency Services, who are there when we need them most. And all of the Volunteers who give for no reward, except but perhaps, for two simple words, that means the world to them! ... **THANKS MATE!**

So this Year in SANCTUARY POINT ... If nothing else! ... Why not put up in your Home or Business Establishment, for those who have done so much for us, a "SIGN".

Thanks Mate!
for all you do
for Us!
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I am including the following information, within my Newsletter, as a community service. If you think something 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!**

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Nowra City Youth has come to SANCTUARY POINT.

Nowra City Church has commenced a Youth Program in Sanctuary Point and every Friday night, they will send out a team to run the same program, that they run in Nowra on Friday night's.

The program is for school year 6 - 12 youth and will now be held at the Sanctuary Point Youth & Community Centre, at 34 Paradise Beach Road, Sanctuary Point, from 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm every Friday night, except school holidays. On the last Friday of each month, a bus will be sent out to the Sanctuary Point Youth & Community Centre that will pick up youth from the Community Centre entrance at 5.30 pm and return there at 9.30 pm, to bring youth into the Nowra Campus for a massive combined night. The bus will cost \$2 return and Parent or guardians permission will be required on a form to be supplied, for anyone using the bus. This is a fully supervised program with adult security and it is drug and alcohol free. If you need any more information or have any questions, then please call Simon Clegg, who is the Youth Pastor, on 0422 262 669 ... Sounds like a great time to be had by all!

If you Never Ever Try, you will Never Ever Know!

inserted by the editor, as a community service for NCC

Sanctuary Point Community Pride Committee was established to bring community members together to work towards enhancing the perception and improving the cohesion of the Sanctuary Point community. The Committee has been meeting on the last Friday of the month, from 10.00 am to 12 pm. In 2012 the group intends to meet on the following dates: 10 am – 12 pm on the 3rd and 24th February, the 27th April and the 25th May, venue to be confirmed. The group have also decided to have a couple of evening meetings in March and June 2012 to enable those who cannot attend daytime meetings to come along and participate in the future development of Sanctuary Point.

If you would like to make any suggestions for future improvements to Sanctuary Point or would like to contribute in any way to the group, please contact Melissa Hedger (current contact) on 02 4429 3128 or Les Boucher 4443 8679. Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

The **SANCTUARY POINT Parkcare Group** has been formed and the editor Dennis Williams has been elected the Group Coordinator for the pursuing two years. Members of this Group, which will be the twenty fourth group to come under the Shoalhaven City Council Parkcare Policy and Procedures, are all volunteers and Council will provide the **Park Care Group** with small amounts of funding to manage ongoing expenses.

As Editor of this Newsletter, I have always championed those who have supported, bringing Pride and Dignity to **SANCTUARY POINT** and there has been many! ... The Sanctuary Point Parkcare Group, can see no better reason, as to why we should not show those, who are helping us, that we also want to help them maintain the pride, that they are returning to our town. We believe that forming the Parkcare Group for our Town, we can help with maintaining the pride in the Parks and Recreational grounds where our citizens, takes time out to enjoy what our town has on offer.

Please contact me on 4443 3394 if you want to Join us! ... Or perhaps you just want further details, of what our Volunteer Group will do for our community ... We believe! ... **Together we can make a DIFFERENCE!**

**This is SANCTUARY
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... If not for yourself! ...
Will you speak up for
SANCTUARY POINT?**

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Have your say!

The Shoalhaven City Council, in liaison with the SANCTUARY POINT COMMUNITY PRIDE COMMITTEE have printed a community survey to provide feedback to the Committee, on HOW YOU THINK SANCTUARY POINT and its VILLAGE CENTRE could be improved. The RETURN DATE is Friday 16th December 2011 and if you are unable to get a hard copy, the survey can also be completed online at <http://shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/MyCommunity/Residentsgroups.aspx> Then click on Sanctuary Point Community Pride Group

**If you are a Concerned Citizen, please make it your business to
HAVE YOUR SAY!**

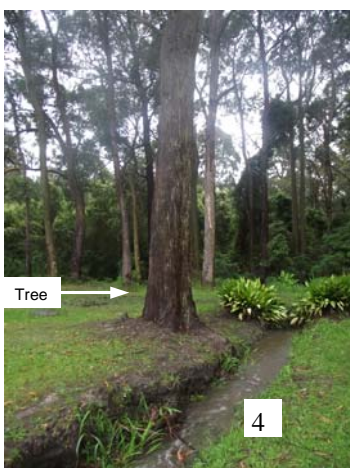
**Please Contact James Harris at Shoalhaven City Council on 4429 3570
IF you NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

In last months issue of our Newsletter, we brought to your attention, a few photos of the problems , that the residents of **MacGibbon Parade and Fitzpatrick Street, Old Erowal Bay** have to contend with! ... Well, I am pleased to say that the problems shown in MacGibbon Parade has been attended to ... but! Unfortunately the drainage problem in Fitzpatrick street, may take a little more resources to fix the problem, however, that is not to say there is any excuse for residents to have an issue like this, almost at their front door.

I ventured back to the site, while the rain was falling and took myself a few more photos and a Sound Video track of the torrent of water cascading through the Drain Pipe, along the canal that has been made over the years and forced through a smaller pipe under the walk over, towards the reserve, which obviously does not get much attention by Council, and gushes over the overgrowth and rocks towards the un-kempt creek below.

I am unable to show you the Video ... however! If anyone is interested enough to want to review it, they can contact me on 4443 3394

I have inserted a few photos, that gives some idea of the issue ... but! All I can say once again, is! ... It would appear that either the lack of funds, an issue too hard to resolve, lack of maintenance expertise, or is it simply ... we don't give a Damm! ... Or perhaps simply "Déjà vu!"



Hello! ... Is there anyone out there, that gives a DAMM?

We need one here!!

The Year in Review

February 2011 ~ Introduction to the graffiti, hazardous pot holes in the shoppers parking facilities, unsightly garbage bins and assorted containers at the rear of the shops, alongside Frances Ryan Reserve, the lack of maintenance to our footpaths, roads and the road shoulders. Credit goes to Council for their up-lifting of their maintenance and some of their initiatives, to return pride to our town ... I can see changes! ... What about you?

Unfortunately in my view, the overall response from the shopping fraternity, of owners and tenants of Sanctuary Point, gets a bit of a thumbs down, as not much has changed, in-fact one could say, things just keep getting worse, once again due to the lack of maintenance ... this time, not Council, but PRIVATE ENTERPRISE!! You have had Eleven (11) months to clean up your acts and what have you done? Take a stroll around your mess and truthfully tell me, it's not you! Who have allowed the ongoing deterioration of perfectly good buildings, due to lack of maintenance and not taking a stand on Graffiti removal ... there are more than 6000 people living in Sanctuary Point, not to mention the visitors and adjoining towns. Don't you think it's time to clean up your backyards and show your appreciation to the community, that has supported your businesses for so long ... I direct this largely at the Owners, through their tenants, as it is the tenants who need to push for change.

We have seen the introduction of the Sanctuary Point Community Pride Committee and the Sanctuary Point Parkcare Group and it is hoped that within time, these volunteer members of our community, with the support from the wider Sanctuary Point Community, Local Council, our Local Police enforcement and our State and Federal Members of Government ... they will be able to work with those who can help us best and keep Sanctuary Point safe for our future residents to this town that we all call HOME!

Kate and I, with very much appreciation, wish to thank our Federal Member for Gilmore, Mrs Joanna Gash MP ... who! Without her support over the last 11 months, our Newsletter would not have been printed ... Thank you Ma'am, you are truly a very fine Lady!

And to all of you who have supported our Newsletter, in so many ways ... Thank You!

**PEACE and HAPPINESS
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Kate and Dennis Williams**

The following advertisement, is 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.

For

