

Photo of Palm Beach Sanctuary Point NSW on a clear day... Photo taken by the Editor Dennis Williams.

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 $\underline{https://www.shoalhaven.com./events/?A=1+December+2019\&A=31+December+2019\&C=\&L=\&Y=\#read}$ 



# **Merry Christmas Snow Laying on the Ground**

Merry Christmas snow laying on the ground, hear the bells are ringing a merry Christmas sound.

See the people rushing around a crazy town, see the lights are glowing and balloons are floating down.

Hear the children singing Christmas carol songs, thinking of a Santa Clause and all those naughty wrongs.

Wondering if forgiveness will come

their way this night and in the morning there will be a merry Christmas sight.

Merry Christmas snow laying on the ground, hear the bells are ringing across a sleeping town, hear the tiny jingle of a sled pulled through the snow and see the Jolly old man as he sings Hi Ho, Hi Ho!

And when he comes to your home will you be fast asleep? as he stops outside your bedroom, through your window he will peep. He will take a special present, especially for you and in the morning when you wake, a toy so shiny new.

Merry Christmas snow laying on the ground, Christmas is a happy day when children are around, children playing in the snow and laughing all the day, sharing around their Christmas love to make it **Christmas day**.

### Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

to everyone! Author Dennis Williams

**Kate and Dennis Williams** 





Firstly let me thank those who contacted me and wished me well with my run for Council and those who also asked if my Newsletter would still be continued in hard copy or emailed and on the web site.

For Community Sake and Independence from Local Government, I have withdrawn my name as a candidate in the next Shoalhaven Council Election on the 12th September 2020 and as I say at the bottom of page 1 of my Newsletter ... "Written and Printed as a Community Service by the Editor Dennis Williams"... Kate and I believe their would be a Conflict of Interest if I was a Councillor for Council and continued with my Newsletter and Web Site.

So for those who showed a concern for my Newsletter, I will remain an independent Community Service for all of the Concerned Citizens where ever you call home.

Respectfully yours,

Dennis O. Williams

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From the Bay & Basin Cancer Support Group

#### SHOALHAVEN INDEPENDENTS ANNOUNCE A WINNING TEAM FOR WARD 3

Prominent Shoalhaven Independents member and long serving Councillor Greg Watson said he "was proud the Shoalhaven Independents had been able to field such a broad community based ticket for Ward 3, " to contest the 2020 Local government elections' I thank these highly qualified community minded and dedicated candidates for being prepared to put their names forward, " he said. Councillor Watson added "these talented candidates will deliver no-nonsense, well-grounded community-based representation, ensuring the silent majority a strong voice in Council" The Shoalhaven Independents are strongly opposed to the major political parties trying to use our Council as a political football ground and as a stepping stone for their candidates to contest for seats in Sydney and Canberra. "The Shoalhaven Independents will not bow to Tammany Hall or State Head Office, or to the factions within the parties." Councillor Watson added, "our heart is right here in the Shoalhaven"

Mark Kitchener is a highly qualified educator with the following qualifications; BA, Dip Teach, Grad Dip Stud Ed, M Stud Ed, Cert 4 TAA and has been a permanent resident of Mollymook since 1976 where he retired 2011. Mark is without doubt the most accessible Councillor ever elected to Council having brought new levels of service to the residents of Ward 3 by literally moving his office to the Street providing easy access. Married to Anne-Maree in Milton Catholic Church 1982, raised and educated two daughters in the Shoalhaven who are now successfully employed in Sydney and Newcastle. Mark has been a volunteer for 37 years in organisations such as the Mollymook Apex Club, the Mollymook Surf Lifesaving Club, Ulladulla State Emergency Service and has been a keen fundraiser for several charities in Milton/Ulladulla district. An active sports person Mark participates in surfing, fishing, sailing, kayaking, golfing, bushwalking, mountain climbing, ballroom dancing and mountain bike riding. Mark is passionate about the district and the people who live here, honest, hardworking. reliable and disciplined and capable of representing the diverse needs of the community. Provide access for Shoalhaven residents to an elected representative. This is being achieved by working in the community at shopping centres, clubs, libraries, post offices, community forums and places of business. Since March 2014 speaking to residents about council related issues has been a foremost priority. This has occurred on average four days per week, four or five hours per day in addition to attending council related meetings and other councillor responsibilities. Taking action on resident requests is being achieved by submitting resident issues where appropriate. Either directly or indirectly this strategy has resulted in 50% of all councillor requests being submitted to council during the past term. The submitted items are little things, pot holes, drainage problems, access ways etc. but 'it is the little things that count.' It is readily observed that a majority of residents want to see assets repaired, replaced or regularly maintained. Mark will continue to make a positive contribution to improving the quality of life in the towns and villages of the Shoalhaven and work with the residents focusing on core community issues. There is always more work to be done improving the Shoalhaven's economic growth and development, transport networks, sporting fields, recreation facilities, completing incomplete projects, asset management and social well-being.

CIr Patricia White is the hardest working member of Council, and has served two terms on Shoalhaven City Council, holding the position of Deputy Mayor for 3 years. Patricia's career has spanned both in the Corporate and not-for-profit sector with 11 years working for an International Bank and many years in the not-for- profit assisting many local groups. Patricia has had the opportunity to be involved in some fascinating projects across Australia whilst at the Bank and locally such as the Dunn & Lewis Development and re-development of Ulladulla High School. She has successfully worked and continues to work with residents and communities from all over the Shoalhaven, in all sectors and from all backgrounds to help them resolve their issues; establish new projects; listening and chatting with residents regarding their points of view or concerns to create better lives for themselves and their families. Patricia also enjoys contributing to the local community by volunteering with many organisations. Patricia works to bring focus to the Princes Highway; young people; education; multiple local issues of concern for local residents, ensuring the condition of our rivers & lakes; roads, parks and toilets meet the required standards and services are delivered efficiently, while showcasing our city's lifestyle. CIr Patricia White has been married for 38 years, is a dedicated mother of 4 children and 4 grandchildren.

**Anthony Kent** and his wife Carolyn have been long time residents of Milton, raising and educating their three children in local schools. For the past 37 years, Anthony has been a respected and dedicated teacher and Principal. He has developed a network of support through his direct involvement with charity, church and sporting organisations over a 30-year period in the Shoalhaven. Anthony acknowledges that whilst we are a country of endless opportunities, for many these opportunities are lost in the pressures of day to day living. As a result, Anthony is a strong advocate for quality schools as an investment in our future.

In recent years Anthony and Carolyn have taught extensively in the United Kingdom and in regional Victoria. However now is the time for Anthony to continue to serve the community that has supported their efforts in raising optimistic, positive children.

Anne-Maree Kitchener has had an ongoing connection with the Shoalhaven since childhood. Initially as a family holiday destination where she developed a love for the area and for the past four decades has been a permanent resident. Anne-Maree has retired from teaching after more than thirty years in the profession. She, and her husband Mark, have raised their two daughters in the local area and have developed many connections with local schools, sporting and community groups. Anne-Maree enjoys outdoor activities and water sports, including bushwalking, golf, sailing and outrigging. Over the years Anne-Maree has been involved in community events and organisations, was a volunteer with the State Emergency Services and is currently involved with the Milton Ulladulla Youth Driver Education Program, which aims to keep young local drivers safe on our country roads. Anne-Maree is civic minded, fiercely independent, hard-working and genuinely cares about our local residents and representing their needs and concerns in a practical way.

Greg Watson.

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# **Bay and Basin Cancer Support Group**

ABN: 84 056 901 368

If you have been touched by cancer and

President: Dianne Dummett 2A Kerry Street, Sanctuary Point NSW 2540 Phone: (02) 4443 3275

Secretary: Mary Woods 9 Hogbin Crescent, Sanctuary Point NSW 2540 Phone: (02) 4443 0973

you would like a friend to talk with, you will be welcomed to talk with us and perhaps you may become a Basin Buddy and join our members in our monthly meetings at the Country Club St Georges Basin.... 11 Paradise Beach Road, Sanctuary Point NSW 2540.

We meet 2nd Thursday of the month between 10.00 to 12.00 am... Please contact our President or Secretary and say Hello to us!







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http://www.shoalwater.nsw.gov.au

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#### Our mailing address

Shoalhaven Water Group City Administrative Centre PO Box 42 Nowra, NSW 2541

In person Nowra Administration Office Bridge Road, Nowra NSW 2541.
Ulladulla Administration Office Deering Street Ulladulla NSW 2539.

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## Sanctuary Point A Concerned Citizens Newsletter





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24 hours/day, 7 days/week, and an automated system will record your concern.



## The Sanctuary Point Men's Shed Inc.

President: Ray Marcusson 4447 8634 Secretary: John Kelly 0413 837 538

Web Site at:

https://www.sanctuarypointmenshed.org/

### **Hours of Business**

8.30am. - 4.30 pm. Monday to Friday... Phone the office on (02) 44438239 on these days, or call at the big green shed located at 17 Clifton Street, Sanctuary Point NSW 2540 and Say Hello Mate!





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# Wayne **Beehag**



### From the Office of the Hon Shelley Hancock MP Ph: (02)4421 0222

th Coast Minister for Local Covernment





Wednesday, 4 December 2019

### SPOTLIGHT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Member for South Coast Shelley Hancock reminded the South Coast community to seek safety and support over summer – a season that historically sees a spike in domestic violence.

Mrs Hancock said the festive season is an opportunity for families to spend more time together, to socialise with friends and to take time out from our busy schedules.

"Unfortunately, the celebratory season can quickly turn into one of tragedy, with many suffering at the hands of a violent partner or family member," Mrs Hancock said.

"We know that domestic violence is seasonal, with BOCSAR data revealing that domestic violence assaults increase by 35 per cent in summer compared with winter. The statistics also tell us that the number of violent offences on New Year's Day is the highest all year."

"There are many great events happening around the South Coast community during the festive season, so please be safe, report any unusual or suspicious behaviour to police, and seek support from specialist services for yourself or someone you might be concerned, about, if needed."

Attorney General and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence Mark Speakman said the NSW Government is sending a strong message to perpetrators that any form of abuse – physical, emotional, or financial – is totally unacceptable.

"We want victim-survivors to know there are services here to help them when they're ready to take that courageous step, while reminding perpetrators that they too should seek help now before police come knocking on their door," Mr Speakman said.

If you, or someone you know, has experienced domestic or family violence, the services available to provide support include:

- 1800 RESPECT 1800 737 732 is a confidential information, counselling and support service;
- NSW Domestic Violence Line 1800 656 463 is a statewide telephone crisis counselling and referral service for women;
- Men's Referral Service 1300 766 491 provide telephone counselling, information and referrals for men;
- Link2Home 1800 152 152 can help refer women experiencing domestic violence to crisis accommodation: and,
- Lifeline 13 11 14 is a national charity providing all Australians experiencing a personal crisis with access to 24-hour crisis support and suicide prevention services.

If you are in danger or in an emergency, always contact Triple Zero (000).

For more information contact the Office of Shelley Hancock MP 4421 0222

# For Further information on Home Fire Safety click on to the following link to rfs.nsw.gov.au

https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/home-fire-safety



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE 02

# **Bush Fire and Your Home**

#### PREPARE YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY FOR BUSH FIRES

These maintenance tips may help prevent burning embers destroying your house:

- Install metal gutter guards
- Repair damaged or missing tiles on the roof
- Install fine metal mesh screens on windows and doors
- ☐ Fit seals around doors and windows to eliminate gaps
- Enclose the areas under the house
- Repair or cover gaps in external walls
- Attach a fire sprinkler system to gutters

DID YOU KNOW Not all homes can be defended - your safety is always the first priority.



- keep lawns short and gardens
- well maintained
- cut back trees and shrubs overhanging buildings
- dean up fallen leaves, twigs and debris around the property
- have hoses long enough to reach around your house
- if you have a pool, tank or dam, put a Static Water Supply (SWS) sign on your property entrance
- check that your insurance is adequate
- complete your Bush Fire Survival Plan available at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au.

In a bush fire many houses are destroyed through ember attack, when burning twigs and leaves carried by the wind land on or around the house. Even houses away from the direct path of the fire can be affected.

Look for the places embers could start fires - on the roof, under the floor and around windows and doors - and take action to prevent them.









| BUSH FIRE DIFORMATION LINE | 1800 879 737

### FOUR SIMPLE STEPS

There are four simple steps to get ready for a bush fire:



**DISCUSS** 

STEP 1

DISCUSS WHAT TO DO IF A BUSH FIRE THREATENS YOUR HOME



#### **PREPARE**

STEP 2

PREPARE YOUR HOME AND GET IT READY FOR BUSH FIRE SEASON There are simple things you can do around your home to prepare it for a

bush fire, like keeping the grass low and having a cleared area around your home.

Download the Step 2 checklist (PDF, 595.5 KB).



#### **KNOW**

STEP 3

KNOW THE BUSH FIRE ALERT LEVELS

If there is a fire in your area you will find its alert level on the NSW RFS website and in the 'Fires Near Me' app. You need to keep track of the alert level so you know what you should do.

Download Step 3 (PDF, 146.4 KB).



#### **KEEP**

STEP 4

KEEP ALL THE BUSH FIRE INFORMATION NUMBERS, WEBSITES AND THE SMARTPHONE APP In a bush fire, it's important that you stay up to date on conditions in your area.

Download Step 4 (PDF, 219.1 KB).

It's a fact. If you and your home are well prepared, you stand a better chance of surviving a bush fire.

# Download the four simple steps today

**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE** 







# The Hon Shelley Hancock MP

Member for South Coast Minister for Local Government

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

Tuesday, 22 October 2019

#### FIRE BUG CRACKDOWN

In a further crackdown on dangerous bushfire bugs, the standard non-parole period for convicted arsonists has increased from five years to nine years to help protect lives and property across the South Coast community.

Member for South Coast Shelley Hancock said the Government has passed legislation to implement the recommendation of the Sentencing Council to help ensure those who commit bushfire offences spend more time behind bars.

"With another hot and dry summer around the corner, it is important there are strong laws in place to protect farmers and communities who are already battling drought," Mrs Hancock said.

"My message to would-be firebugs is to stop and think about the children and families who could be killed or injured and the huge economic and emotional toll of being homeless and having to rebuild homes and farms from scratch, "She said.

In 2018, Attorney General Mark Speakman asked the Sentencing Council to review the standard non-parole period.

As a result of the review, the Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999 has been amended to increase the standard non-parole period for the bushfire offence under section 203E of the Crimes Act 1900. The offence applies to the charge of intentionally causing a fire and being reckless about it spreading on public land or someone else's property.

"The tougher standard non-parole period builds on the Government's introduction of a tougher penalty for the bushfire offence, which increased the maximum penalty from 14 to 21 years in November last year," Mr Speakman said.

Police and Emergency Services Minister David Elliott said one act of stupidity could bring a community to its knees.

"There is no excuse for starting a bushfire, which is why the longer standard non-parole period, on top of tougher maximum sentences, reflects the seriousness of the crime," he said.

Acting NSW Rural Fire Service Commissioner Rob Rogers welcomed the latest reforms that will make firebugs more accountable.

"Our firefighters already have a difficult and dangerous job responding to fires and keeping people safe, let alone having to risk their lives because of reckless behaviour," he said.

"The drought means the state is on high fire alert, so it is important people remain vigilant."

As part of its review, the Sentencing Council received submissions from stakeholders including the Law Society of NSW, Legal Aid NSW, NSW Police Force, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Rural Fire Service Association.

The majority of which agreed the bushfire offence's standard non-parole period should be increased.

### **Water Restrictions**

As from Monday 2nd December 2019 Level 1 Water Restrictions have commenced... Please note the restrictions below for Level 1 and for further information click on the following Shoalhaven Council Link <a href="https://shoalhavencitycouncil.createsend1.com/t/d-l-xittklt-l-y/">https://shoalhavencitycouncil.createsend1.com/t/d-l-xittklt-l-y/</a>



#### Water Restriction Levels for Shoalhaven

These Levels apply to the general community. For further information contact Shoalhaven Water on 1300 662 246



LEVELS	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR
Garden & lawn Watering Includes laying of new turf	Hand-held hose may be used at any time	Hand-held hose may be used between 6am-8am & 6pm-8pm	Restricted hours & days when advertised	BANNED
Use of sprinklers & Drip irrigation Includes laying of new turf	Any time but fixed to a timer	6am-8am & 6pm-8pm but fixed to a timer	BANNED	BANNED
Washing down hard surfaces such as paths & driveways	BANNED	BANNED	BANNED	BANNED
Washing vehicles & boats	Hand-held hose may be used at any time	Hand-held hose may be used between 6am-8am & 6pm-8pm	Restricted hours & days when advertised	BANNED
Topping up existing swimming pools	Any time but fixed to a timer	6am-8am & 6pm-8pm but fixed to a timer	Restricted hours & days when advertised	BANNED

Congratulations Mr Rod White, Principle at Tomerong Public School, all of your support staff and the Pupils of 2019 who all played their part in the presentation, of which, I am very sure made a lot of people very proud of their school, which they know as Tomerong Public School... Your Presentation was exemplary ... I also thank Shelley Hancock MP for allowing me the pleasure of representing her with the Excellence in Public Speaking Award and allowing me to see first hand, that our children and our Public Schools are in good hands!



#### From On The Beat - NSW Police Shoalhaven Crime Prevention



### with Senior Constable Anthony Jory

Christmas, it's all about being with family, sleeping, being with friends, sleeping, going to the beach, sleeping, fishing, sleeping, going on holidays, sleeping and don't forget sleeping. I love it. However sometimes things happen that interfere with your enjoyment of the holiday

season as well as your sleep. Things like bad behavior in or around licensed premises. Please remember if you go to the local pub or Club and you have a few too many drinks, you should be asked to leave the licensed premises by a member of staff, just go and there will be no more drama. If you decide to stay and argue the point you are committing an offence, Police will be called and you will be facing a \$550 infringement notice or if you go to court you could be penalized up to \$5500. The same goes if you are in a public place and you are acting foolish you may also be eligible for a \$550 fine if you disobey a Police direction to move along. Please don't drink to excess because you may well regret it in the morning. You may even regret it for the rest of your life.

While you are on holidays and in the Christmas spirit, do not become complacent. Be aware of your surroundings and be proactive towards ensuring the security of your bags wallets and other valuables. Remember, you may be on holidays but the crooks aren't. Lock your doors (House and car) do not have your handbag or purse loose in the trolley.

When travelling, stick to the speed limit and or the road conditions. Buckle up including the kids. Check that your vehicle is roadworthy and check your trailers and boat trailer before towing. Do not drive long distances without a break and if you are tired, stop and have a rest. Do not drink and drive. Remember if you have a big night on the grog, you may still be over the limit the next day. What would you do without a licence?

Remember: Do not Drink and Drive and you can Dob in a Druggie any time you like, by contacting Nowra Police or ringing Crime Stoppers. on 1800 333 000

As always, in case of emergency, call (000)

Non Emergencies contact Police Assistance Line on 131444 or your local Police.

To provide anonymous information call crime stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Shoalhaven Domestic Violence Officers Email shoaldvlo@police.nsw.gov.au

Don't forget. Cops are Tops.

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Log on to the NSW Police Web Site for the "Tell us what you want SURVEY!".

**SURVEY LOG ON** 

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If you think

**Police Station...** Or Phone it in when you know it is wrong!

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Sussex Inlet Police Station	Sussex Inlet		02 44412665	
Nowra Police Station	Nowra – Main switch		02 44219699	
Bay & Basin Police Station	Sanctuary Point	Phone	: 02 44421899	
<b>Bay &amp; Basin Police Station</b>	Sanctuary Point	Fax:	02 44421811	
Crime Prevention Officer	Nowra Police Stat	tion	02 44219619	
Police Assistance Line	PAL		131444	
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**NSW POLICE FORCE website address** 

www.police.nsw.gov.au

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https://www.facebook.com/ShoalhavenLac

Where no emergency exists and immediate investigation by a Police officer is not necessary, registered community members can now create online reports such as <a href="Lost Property">Lost Property</a>, <a href="Intentional Damage or Graffiti">Intentional Damage or Graffiti</a> and <a href="Theft">Theft</a>, in their own time anywhere where an internet connection is present, using devices of today's technology.

NSW Police Community PORTAL — Check it out for yourself <a href="http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community">http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community</a> portal/about-the-portal

### 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)
Or Telephone:
4441 3555.



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**POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE**... **131 444** For reporting of non urgent matters, 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 area.

**EMERGENCY** ... **000** and ask for Police. For Life Threatening or Immediate Attention Required.

**CRIME STOPPERS** ... **1800 333 000** Anonymous Information.

When you have had enough!...Remember... If 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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