



SANCTUARY POINT A CONCERNED CITIZENS NEWSLETTER

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VALENTINES DAY TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2017

Shoalhaven, South Coast NSW Events Calendar
February 2017 Can be located on the following Link

<http://shoalhavenholidays.com.au/events/?v=10&C&M=6+February+2017&A=28+February+2017&L&pg=3&Y#top>

The
Shoalhaven
NSW is a
wonderful

place to call home or just to discover the diversified character of it's forty nine, fascinating Towns and Villages, where you will find many unique characteristics, that will greet you in the towns and villages you visit and become part of your memorability, which you will take back to the place where you call home! (The Seal of Huskisson).



Mollymook Beach gets \$850,000 for a Play Space

Palm Beach and Ray Brooks Reserve, Sanctuary Point gets... What it deserves, if what we have at Palm beach and Ray Brooks Reserve... Is all you ever want and all of the Shoalhaven Ratepayers get a 11.5% rate increase for the next two years.

If I am missing something, please let me know? As I would like to inform my World Wide readers, through my Web Site and Monthly Newsletters!

If Council has the \$850,000 funding they will spend on an upgrade of a existing play area at Mollymook Beach and call it a Play Space for all ages... I would have thought the funding could have been better utilised to offset some of the SHORT FALL's IN COUNCIL RATES and perhaps the 2 year 11.5 % Rate increase is just a Council ploy to allow councillors to agree on more, such extravagant funding, where they decide to spend the ratepayers income!

11.5% Rate Increase...



SAFETY MANAGEMENT

**I have always thought of as simply...
If it's Not Right, Fix it!**

Perhaps I may be alone on this thought, but when I move around the Shoalhaven and experience, just how much of the Not Right still needs to be Fixed, since the amalgamation of the Shoalhaven Shire Council back in 1948, which equates to 17 four year Council Elections and the many promises to the residents of the Shoalhaven and yet! Still we see too many of those promises unfulfilled.

I have seen the last 38 of those 68 years since the Shoalhaven amalgamation and I am sorry to say, that my home town of Sanctuary Point, with its highest population of all of the towns and villages of the Shoalhaven, is overlooked, time and time again, as other less populated towns are lavished with facilities and safer infrastructure, amenities and improvements.

As I said above... If it's not right, Fix it! I stand by that and I applaud Council where they have applied that principle in the towns they have made the improvements... Good luck to those towns and Yes! It is a pleasure to drive around and through those towns, but! When will the seemingly, inequality towards Sanctuary Point be recognised by the twelve elected councillors and the Mayor and urgent attention be given, as have been given in the less populated towns and villages throughout the Shoalhaven... We should not be over looked, as after all Sanctuary Point is one of the few split wards and we have eight councillors - 4 in Ward two and 4 in Ward 3 who represent our residents in Shoalhaven Council Meetings.

I believe Palm Beach, Ray Brooks Reserve facilities and the Basin Walking Track through Ray Brooks Reserve is a disgrace and I believe, down right dangerous and therefore...

It's Not Right and should be Fixed!

JUST PHOTOS are worth a THOUSAND WORDS!
Wrack building up at John Williams Reserve, Boat Ramp Sanctuary Point!



Lack of Facilities, and Unkempt Grounds at Ray Brooks Reserve Sanctuary Point!



Neglected Palm Beach Sanctuary Point and they still don't get it Right!



Fix It, or Get someone Who Can!

Barry Mac & Graham French

Are back together again On 2UUU Radio

Tune in each Thursday between 8am to 11am.

Listen what they talk about

and get ready to have your say on

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In the Centre: 104.5

In Milton / Ulladulla 99.7

Web Site - <http://www.facebook.com/shoalhavenFNB>



The Sanctuary Point Men's Shed Inc.

President : Ray Marcusson 4447 8634

Secretary: John Kelly 0413 837 538

To obtain further information about the Men's Shed, you can find them on their website www.sanctuarypointmenshed.org Just click and enjoy!

To view their wonderful Carpentry and Wrought Ironwork, you can call into the SANCTUARY POINT MEN'S SHED at 20A WOOLAMAI ROAD, FALLS CREEK NSW (Short distant in from Jervis Bay Road.)... Hours of Business: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 0900-1600 (9-4) The Men's Shed is all about men, doing what men do best together... Helping each other, to talk and work together, as they live life to the fullest! You too can be a member of the Men's Shed...

Give them a call today! Ray: 4447 8634 or John: 0413 837 538

The Sanctuary Point Men's Shed will soon be re-locating to Clifton Park, Sanctuary Point, alongside of the Clifton Community Food Garden. If you join now, you can help them move and become a member, who help brought the Men's Shed home to Sanctuary Point.

The Sanctuary Point Men's Shed Inc. is a Fully Incorporated Registered Charity and you too, can support them by becoming a Volunteer Member, or making a Donation... All donations over \$2.00 made to SPMS are Tax Deductible.

The Sanctuary Point Men's Shed Inc.

It has been a long journey home for the members of the Sanctuary Point Men's Shed, but! Through their Perseverance, Drive and Initiative, the Committee and it's Members... The Men's Shed is almost back home in Sanctuary Point.

On the 2nd February 2017, under the guidance of Andrew, as shown in the 2nd Photo, who organised the pour, at material cost only to the Men's Shed and doing so! Is making the journey home, that much sooner! Thanks Andrew.

Also on hand to support the contractor, was a contingent of the Sanctuary Point Men's Shed Committee and Members, as if anyone could keep them away!

Having ben allowed the privilege to follow their journey to Clifton Park, Sanctuary Point, I have been in a position to watch first hand, how they commenced their journey Home.

To see how they obtained the necessary funding for their project, come to the aid of the needy in the community, with their labour and craftsmanship in providing material items back to the community... They are not just a Men's Shed, they are a community powerhouse and I welcome them back home!

Gentlemen... Get ready to become a member and ...

YOU TOO CAN BECOME A POWERHOUSE IN THE COMMUNITY!



2 February 2017

Council Extraordinary Meeting- Proposed Rate Rise Decision

Shoalhaven City Council reconvened yesterday's meeting to discuss a rescission motion on the proposed rates increase.

It was determined at the meeting that:

1. Council receive the feedback and results of the community engagement;
2. Council endorse a financial sustainability approach that includes continued improvement in our procurement and asset management practices and improving productivity and implementing a Special Rate Variation;
3. Council authorise staff to make formal application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) and lodge a Section 508A Special Rate Variation (SRV) on general income for an increase of 11.5% in 2017/18 and 11.5% in 2018/19, above rate peg for each of the 2 years in order for Council to financially support the ongoing provision of service levels to the community and increase levels of asset maintenance and renewal;
4. Staff provide a report to the next Ordinary Council Meeting on the establishment of a Citizen's Panel to provide recommendations to Council on priority areas for expenditure related to the Special Rate Variation;
5. Council accept the submission from The Shoalhaven Independents on behalf of the ratepayers and residents who attended protest meetings at St Georges Basin, Bomaderry, Huskisson and Nowra as part of the overall submissions and the submission also be reported to IPART;
6. The General Manager report back to Council on how Council could capture any business that is operating from residential premises and re-categorise to business and if there are any legislative hurdles should Council wish to pursue this as an ongoing part of revenue review. This should include the cost for resourcing such a project- this suggestion was put to Council by concerned ratepayers;
7. The General Manager report back if any other Councils apply a levy or any other mechanism to increase rates on those properties that are known to supply accommodation to the tourism industry and are essentially a business- these properties would be those listed by real estate agents and online mechanisms such as Air BnB and Stayz -this suggestion has been raised by concerned business operators;
8. The General Manager also report back on any measures that can be used to essentially pass some of the financial burden of maintaining assets onto the many tourist that come to the Shoalhaven, suggestions that have come

through include parking meters for peak tourist times and places and bed axes. The report should also include any legislative or resourcing issues for such matters;

9. In reporting back could the General Manager please comment on any timing issues that could be foreseen if such mechanisms were to be adopted by Council; and
10. Council refer the matters raised by an Independent Auditor in a recent confidential meeting with councillors to Council's Risk & Audit committee for consideration and any further advice.

Council staff will now commence a submission to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART). The IPART is the final decision maker in the process. The decision of Council does not mean that a rate rise will be implemented immediately. IPART must first consider Council's submission which will include all of the submissions and community feedback that has been provided to Council. IPART may choose to either approve the proposal, refuse the proposal or approve a smaller rate increase.

The decision of IPART is expected to be received in the coming months and will be provided back to Council for consideration and determination of the next steps forward.

Council will also be shortly commencing engagement on our Community Strategic Plan and Delivery and Operational Plan which sets the direction for the future and any proposed expenditure of the rates and this will be another opportunity for the community to have their say on the expenditure of Council funds for 2017/18.

Mayor Findley said, "It continues to be suggested by some that the financial statements that Councillors are relying on for this decision are not factual. I would like it to be made very clear that I have full confidence that the financial statements provided to me and on which this decision has been made comply with all state government legislation and have been recently audited by an external auditor. I have full confidence in the staff that have prepared these statements."

"I remind the community that there is information on Council's website including financial information and within the Council report. There are also a number of frequently asked questions and information sheets. I encourage our community that have questions to view this information and read Council's report on the matter.

"I also encourage the community to continue to stay engaged in the process, submissions can continue to be accepted by and will be forwarded to IPART for their consideration."

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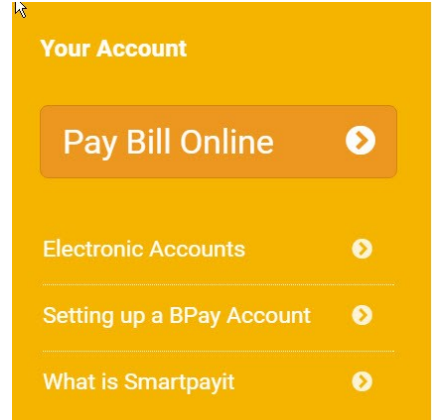
CONTACT: Amanda Findley, Mayor, 0434151730

For all Enquiries or to REPORT A LEAK
Phone 4429 3214



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

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<https://shoalhavenwater.formspost.com.au/>

For other Community News Events

<http://shoalwater.nsw.gov.au/Community/News-Events>

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City Maintenance
Help us to Help you!
Maintenance & Graffiti Reporting Line
Phone: (02) 4429 3506
24 hours/day, 7 days/week, and
an automated system will record your concern.

**Know this number...
And when you see a
maintenance or graffiti
problem in the
Shoalhaven... Get on the
telephone
and make the call...
(02) 4429 3506**

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A Concerned Citizens Newsletter**



**If we try together and
don't give up, we can
achieve almost anything!**

Web Site

sanctuarypointaconcernedcitizensnewsletter.com



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If you are reading a hard copy of his current issue and if you would like a copy of previous issues, I can not send you a hard copy, however, If you have access to the internet... Log into my Web Site at

<http://sanctuarypointaconcernedcitizensnewsletter.com>

for past and current issues - Dennis.

MONTHLY COLUMN OF THE FEDERAL MEMBER FOR GILMORE

ANN SUDMALIS MP



Ann Sudmalis MP is holding 6 community forums within the Gilmore electorate on the 20th and 21st February.

Representatives from Ministerial and Government Departments will be in attendance. The forum will be an information session mainly to discuss the recent changes in the aged part pension.

There will be time available for questions. If anyone has questions regarding the forum please contact Ann Sudmalis' office on 4423 1782.


Claire Short

Office of Ann Sudmalis MP | Federal Member for Gilmore

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Seniors Forums with
ANN SUDMALIS MP
Federal Member for **Gilmore**

Monday 20th February 2017	Tuesday 21st February 2017
Kiama 🕒 10am - 11am 📍 Kiama Scouts Hall, Blowhole Point Road, Kiama	Ulladulla 🕒 10am - 11am 📍 Ulladulla Dunn and Lewis Centre, 141 St Vincent Street, Ulladulla
Nowra 🕒 12:15pm - 1:15pm 📍 Nowra School of Arts, Berry Street, Nowra	Batemans Bay 🕒 1pm - 2pm 📍 Batemans Bay Soldiers Club, 6 Beach Road, Batemans Bay
Sanctuary Point 🕒 3pm - 4pm 📍 St Georges Basin Country Club, 11 Paradise Beach Road, Sanctuary Point	Moruya 🕒 3pm - 4pm 📍 Moruya RSL Hall, 11 Page Street, Moruya

 **ANN SUDMALIS MP**
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On the Beat with Senior Constable Anthony Jory

The Dob in a Dealer Campaign that came to the Shoalhaven in May 2016 and the Australia wide campaign that started in February 2016 keeps rolling through the city and country areas of our great land. It is a community engagement campaign focused on gathering local intelligence and engaging every Australian in contributing to making their communities safer places. Crime Stoppers provides the community with a safe and secure avenue to pass on information confidentially.

This means that you can ring Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 and tell the operator about anything suspicious that you may have seen or come across. For example, you may be thinking that the bloke in the house next door is selling drugs because there are a lot of people coming and going at all times of the day and night. He could be a dealer so Dob him in. If you have friends or know people who take drugs and you know who supplies them, Dob in the dealer.

Remember; It doesn't matter if it's a bloke or a Sheila, if they're selling drugs, DOB in a Dealer. If they are selling in your street and you want them to go, just ring 1800 triple three triple 0 Remember. You can call anonymously with your information no-one else needs to know. The information does not have to be about drugs, the information can be related to any crime.

On a completely different note, hands up if you are reading this article and your car is out in the driveway unlocked. If you put your hand up, please give yourself an uppercut (Not too hard), finish reading this great literary masterpiece and then walk to your vehicle with the key and lock your car. People are still having wallets and other valuable items stolen from their vehicles during the day and at night. If you lock your car there would be 1 less opportunity for a crook.

Remember: Do not Drink and Drive.

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.

Information provided by On The Beat & Inserted by the Editor as a
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Log on to the NSW Police Web Site for the **“Tell us what you want SURVEY!”**.

SURVEY LOG ON →

<https://secure.peoplepulse.com.au/display.php?mid=2060116b2b887848336>

If you think something is Wrong... Help them to help us! Contact your Local Police Station... Or Phone it in when you know it is wrong!

Shoalhaven Local Area Command

Police Telephone Contact List

In the case of an Emergency Phone : 000

Position	Location	Phone Number
Huskisson Police Station	Huskisson	02 44415779
Sussex Inlet Police Station	Sussex Inlet	02 44412665
Nowra Police Station	Nowra – Main switch	02 44219699
Crime Prevention Officer	Nowra Police Station	02 44219619
Detectives Officer	Nowra Police Station	02 44219629
Police Assistance Line	PAL	131444
Police Assistance Line (PAL) Hearing / speech impaired only	PAL TTY	02 92113776
Crime Stoppers	Crime Stoppers	1800333000

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 Lost Property, Intentional Damage or Graffiti and Theft, 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

http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community_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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SUSSEX INLET

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 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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