



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

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Safe to swim	Diving in progress

Did you know all these signs?

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4 February 2019

Shoalhaven Beachwatch Results

Shoalhaven City Council is proud that local beaches monitored by the Beachwatch program have again been assessed with the highest rating achievable.

The Office of Environment and Heritage released the *State of the Beaches Report, 2017-2018* this month – an annual scorecard of the summertime water quality at 260 popular NSW beaches and swimming spots. Shoalhaven City Council Mayor Amanda Findley said the standard of our beaches in the region is very high. “Nine out of the 10 ocean beaches that were monitored were graded as ‘Very Good’, and the remaining one was graded ‘Good’,” Clr Findley said.

“Our cleanest beaches were Shoalhaven Heads, Tilbury Cove, Warrain Beach, Collingwood Beach, Cudmirrah Beach, Mollymook Beach, Rennies Beach, Bawley Point Beach and Merry Beach. “Council has been involved in the Beachwatch program since 2002 and this state government collaboration is vital to providing the community with accurate information to enable individuals and families to make informed decisions about when and where to swim.

“This is very good news for the Shoalhaven, there are many good things the can do to help keep our swimming spots clean. By placing litter in the bin and ensuring rubbish does not find its way into the stormwater system, we can all reduce pollution across our beaches.”

Beachwatch NSW recommends that people avoid swimming during and at least one day after heavy rain at ocean beaches and for up to three days at estuaries and lakes due to potential pollution from stormwater.

For more information on local beach water quality visit <https://shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Discover-Shoalhaven/Beaches/Beachwatch>

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From the Editor, Dennis Williams

In response to Notice of Motion CL19.6 submitted by Cllr Bob Proudfoot for the Ordinary Meeting of Council on the 29th January 2019, Various Issues Sanctuary Point & St Georges Basin, I was pleased

that my Deputation request to speak for the Motion was approved and following due process of Council's Consideration of the motion, the motion was unanimously carried on the night.

I have attached a copy of my deputation talk to Council and as all Ordinary Meetings are Webcasted for the Public to view from outside of the Council Chamber, I have included a link, for anyone who would care to log into the webcast on the 29th January 2019.

CL19.6 Notice of Motion - Various Issues - Sanctuary Point & St Georges Basin

HPERM Ref: D19/11691

Submitted by: Cllr Bob Proudfoot

Purpose / Summary
The following Notice of Motion, of which due notice has been given, is submitted for Council's consideration.

Recommendation
That:
1. The thirteen point notice of motion regarding matters at Sanctuary Point, which was previously passed by Council, be acted on as a matter of urgency and as a matter of good faith.
2. A report come to Council as to why no action has occurred to date.

Note by the General Manager
A report in response to MIN18.198 is being prepared for submission to the Strategy & Assets Committee 12 February 2019.

MIN18.198
That following a meeting with several concerned community members, that the ensuing list of requests be given serious consideration for inclusion in future budgets, work's programmes and funding applications. Staff would need to provide their professional input and report back to Council with a realistic way forward.

- Traffic calming measures on Larmer Avenue, Sanctuary Point on the approach to Cocksway Creek bridge where the 70 km/hr becomes 50 km/hr, be installed. Local residents are adamant that motor vehicles, garbage trucks and delivery wagons are travelling across the bridge at speeds in excess of 80 km/hr, with noise levels being intolerable and the risk of accidents high.
- Urgent road maintenance works be carried out on The Park Drive at Sanctuary Point at various locations, but in particular from Larmer Avenue to Boronia Avenue and to Boronia Avenue itself.
- A roundabout be constructed at the corner of Sanctuary Point Road and Larmer Avenue/ Paradise Beach Road, Sanctuary Point.
- Acknowledge and promote Palm Beach as the iconic beach that it is, and support this acknowledgement with enlightened expenditure on infrastructure.
- Upgrading of the Basin Walking track through Sanctuary Point, as proposed in 2018.
- Provision of at least 3 new barbecue shelters where users can also enjoy their meals under cover, similar to the way that it occurs in other locations such as Mollymook, Plantation Point and Sussex Inlet, and who knows how many other locations within the Shoalhaven.

- Removal of the dangerous, sharp and pointy, introduced grasses around the trees and seating areas throughout Ray Brooks Reserve, Paradise Beach and other St Georges Basin public foreshore reserves.
- Reconsideration of the dangerous stairs, recently constructed from Ray Brooks Reserve to the 5 star 'By the Beach B and B', with only a one-sided handrail, with a long drop to the bottom. Modification at the top also needs attention.
- Removal of the large sand and wreck piles from alongside of the toilet block together with the large piles of mulch.
- A serious review of the deterioration of the ageing ramp from Greville Avenue to the bottom of Ray Brooks Reserve.
- The construction of a boardwalk to allow a safe continuation of the Basin Walking track around its original course at the base of the cliff beneath and around Red-head Point, as properly shown on Google Earth. This would make it available for everyone to complete their walk or ride in safety, including the disabled, mothers with prams, mothers with children, children on bikes, older citizens requiring a level platform to walk on, sports enthusiasts, as well as the future influx of tourists.
- A safety audit regarding the impact of foreshore vegetation on the capacity of parents and carers to adequately supervise young children whilst they swim at beaches such as Palm and Paradise Beaches, Sanctuary Point.
- The following works at Tahnees Street, Sanctuary Point be given urgent attention:
 - Replacement of damaged kerb near the junction with Nadine Street (already scheduled) be progressed in conjunction with a minor road widening at that point.
 - The provision of speed humps be given a high priority in future works programmes.
 - Concrete trucks, delivery wagons and trade trucks be directed, by signage, to by-pass Tahnees Street and use Keen Street, further South.

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Deputation to Council 29th January 2019 - Dennis Williams

Editor: Sanctuary Point A Concerned Citizens Newsletter

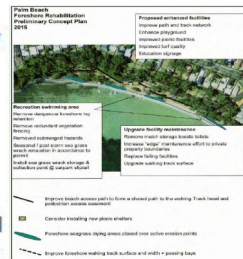
This evening I stand before you again as a rate payer and resident of Sanctuary Point, to give you my reason why I am in favour of the notice of motion CL19.6 with regard to the various points of CL18.52 which was carried at a special meeting, convened on the 4th April 2018 and given a mention of priority of attention to the thirteen points, that primarily refers to a number of Council Assets in Sanctuary Point.

I can respectfully appreciate the professionalism required of the General Manager and his 1000+ Council Staff, the 12 Councillors and the Mayor of Shoalhaven City Council, as they allocate the vast number of projects to the towns and villages of the Shoalhaven.

I can also appreciate the pride and joy of the residents of those towns and villages, who received the improvements and other facilities in their locations... But! What I can not appreciate, is what appears to be an inadequate contribution of the same professional attention of Assets and Improvements in Sanctuary Point, especially when I see the allocation of the vast projects being introduced in many of the towns and coastal villages with much smaller populations than Sanctuary Point.

The procrastination or delays by this well equipped council to commence on the hollow proposals and motions which have been previously tabled, discussed and carried for attention of the numerous points of interest needing immediate attention...

- Since 2013 numerous council and Fisheries meetings at Palm Beach and correspondence.
- In 2015 a number of improvements were to be introduced by Council i.e. Palm Beach Foreshore Rehabilitation Preliminary Concept Plan 2015 Proposed enhanced facilities... We are still waiting for the enhanced facilities!
- 27th March and 4th April 2018 Deputation and Notice Of Motion CL18.52 carried.
- October 2018 Bus load of Councillors, General Manager and other council Staff made a rush visit to Palm Beach and only had time to look at the high rise wooden stairs constructed with one handrail.



I believe, safety issues are being compromised and Sanctuary Point, if not being discriminated in favour of other less populated towns... It is being poorly considered, while long overdue facilities are being neglected!

On behalf of the 7200+ residents of Sanctuary Point, I respectfully ask that you support in favour of the motion for Urgent Priority... as this Time... It's our Time!... Please let me take something back to the 7200+ Residents of Sanctuary Point, to let them know they are not forgotten!

<https://web-cast.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/archive/video19-0129.php>

The Acting General Manager (Stephen Dunshea) on the night, advised that the issue would be brought up on the 12th February 2019 at the Strategy & Assets meeting and reported back to the Councillors.

Maybe this time we will know... We are not Forgotten!

In your Neighbourhood

Council receives NSW Active Transport Grants

February 06, 2019

Shoalhaven City Council has received more than \$525,000 worth of funding through the NSW Active Transport Fund.



Shoalhaven City Council Mayor Amanda Findley said the funding is a great step in creating an active, healthy livable Shoalhaven.

"I would like to thank Shelley Hancock MP for this substantial boost to the Shoalhaven's infrastructure that includes improvements to shared pathways and pedestrian accessibility," Mayor Findley said.

"These new improvements will assist Council in building connected communities and improve walking and cycling in these towns and villages.

"It's wonderful to see the linking of our existing pathway networks in both St George's Basin, Swanhaven, Ulladulla, and West Nowra"

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Weed Spraying with Steam

February 04, 2019

Shoalhaven City Council has introduced the use of a saturated steam weed control machine, allowing their Weed Biosecurity Unit to control weeds that would normally be treated with herbicides.

Shoalhaven City Council Mayor Amanda Findley said that the technology had been embraced by a number of inner-city Sydney Councils as an alternative means of managing weedy vegetation in an urban environment.

"Shoalhaven City Council have embraced this new technology and it shows its ongoing commitment to health and wellbeing of our community and the environment," Mayor Findley said.

"The Australian-made technology has been exported to the US where schools, colleges and universities in some states use this means of managing weeds, in preference to conventional methods. The benefits of the new method are there will be no chemical resistance build up in weeds. In fact, weeds will become easier to kill as time goes by.

"Another added benefit will reduce the impact on our local frogs and insect population as well the technology is able to be used in all types of weather conditions.

"Chemical will still be used in certain selected situations, as steam is not effective on all species. Testing on woody weed species is continuing to extend the range of target species. The aim of the machine is to reduce our Council's reliance on chemicals to the greatest extent possible."

The machine was introduced to the public at the Berry Small Farm Field Days, where it attracted a lot of attention from patrons of the event.

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Remember we are a full service caterer. We have glasses, wishing wells, decorations etc.



Vale Bill VanGennip and our sincere condolences to his family and all who had the pleasure to know the man and who he was!

Bill was a founding member of the Sanctuary Point Men's Shed, who allowed his private property to be used for 5 years until the new Sanctuary Point Men's Shed was constructed and officially opened on the 5th December 2017. Which ever passage way he has taken, there will be a new bright light, to guide us all safely

back home one day! Photo 1 with Bill, Ann Sudmalis, Kate Williams and members at Falls Creek...

Photo 2 with Bill, Shelley Hancock and Members at the official opening of the new shed at Sanctuary Point.

Funeral: Thursday 14th February 2019 11.00am Worrigea Chapel.



Sanctuary Point Men's Shed- who we are.

Sanctuary Point Men's Shed's main aim, and that of the Australian Men's Shed Association, is the promotion of Men's Health, both mental and physical by being able to freely discuss Men's Problems in an open forum that men feel comfortable in without embarrassment if they wish or need to.

Sanctuary Point Men's Shed members are a diverse group of men from many different walks of life. They hold many skill sets from Artisans, Tradesmen, Engineers, Farmers, Manufacturers to Management and ex Military positions which are put to use in a friendly, welcoming, non threatening or abusive environment. We have the expertise and willingness to helping you gain or refresh your own skills in a supervised situation until you are considered to be competent enough to use the machinery. We don't encourage the use of machines one out and encourage people to work with a partner for safety reasons. If you just want a cuppa and a chin wag we can accommodate you there, as well.

We cover a range of trades in wood and metal work as well as other tasks. The Community Garden is associated with some of our members as well and are always looking for interested members.

You are quite welcome to come to our shed to pop in and talk to us during opening hours.



Bay and Basin Cancer Support Group

ABN: 84 056 901 368



If you have been touched by cancer and 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.

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

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!



Click on Australian Government Cancer Australia to follow the link



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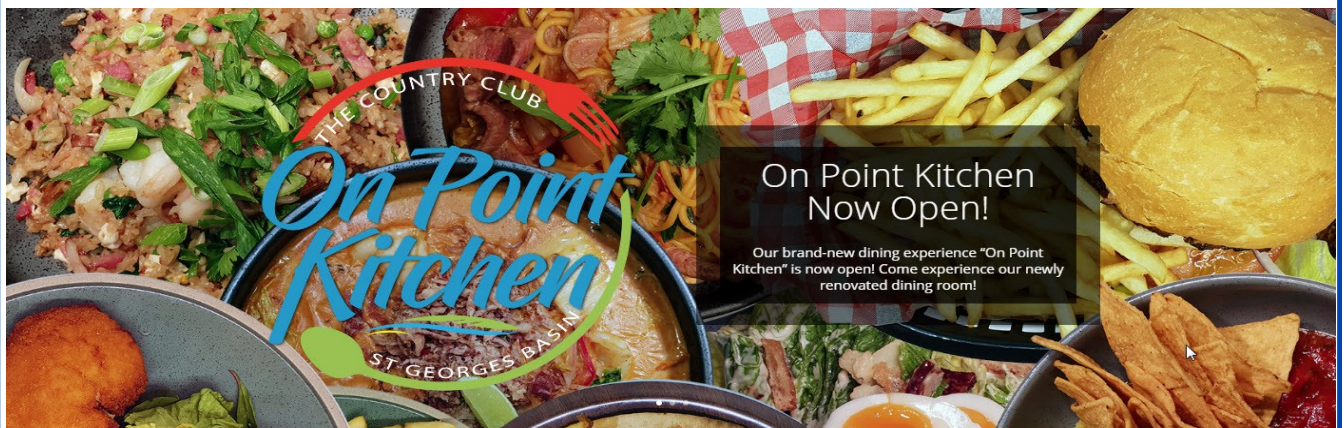


The Country Club St Georges Basin
11 Paradise Road, Sanctuary Point NSW 2540
Phone: (02) 4443 0666

Welcome to On Point Kitchen

After significant renovation, The Country Club is proud to unveil a brand-new dining experience for the Bay & Basin – On Point Kitchen. Bringing unparalleled variety and quality in food, and setting a new standard for dining decor – We invite you to come experience it for yourself.

We'd like to advise that any big groups should please arrive at the club early to secure adequate seating, due to the volume of customers expected, we are unable to take table reservations.



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A Concerned Citizens Newsletter



**If we try together and
 don't give up, we can
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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/>

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The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP
Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly
Member for South Coast

MEDIA RELEASE

14 January 2019

GET READY FOR A NEW YEAR OF SAVINGS

Member for South Coast Shelley Hancock said the arrival of the New Year meant new rebates and initiatives would soon be available to help ease cost of living pressures for people across the South Coast, and reminded South Coast residents to access the generous savings.

January 1, 2019 has seen the arrival of the NSW Government's Baby Bundle and the roll-out of the \$100 Creative Kids voucher to name just a few.

"On the top of everyone's New Year's resolution list is the goal to save more money. As ever our top goal is to reduce the financial burden even further for South Coast residents and these measures are doing just that," Mrs Hancock said.

Other New Year measures providing hip-pocket relief include:

- Extending universal education access to preschool for three-year-olds, making NSW the first state in Australia to do so, providing an average saving for families of \$825 a year from 1 January 2019.
- From 31 January, 2019 motorists will be given a 10-minute grace period when they pay for a minimum of one hour of parking, applies to ticketed and coupon parking. To avoid impacts on safety and congestion, the grace period will not apply to areas such as bus lanes, clearways, transit lanes, etc.
- From 1 March 2019 Councils and Universities across the NSW will have the flexibility to lower their most common parking fines from \$112 to \$80.
- The NSW Government's introduction of 10 days of paid domestic and family violence leave per year for NSW public sector employees, including teachers, nurses and police from 1 January 2019.
- From January 1, 2019 parents and caregivers in NSW will receive a bag of essentials containing important health information, valued at \$300, to help take care of their precious babies.
- As of January 1, 2019, parents of school-aged children will be able to access the \$100 Creative Kids Rebate in addition to the hugely popular \$100 Active Kids Rebate.

Mrs Hancock said in 2018 the NSW Government gave back more than \$200 million to people in NSW through its various cost of living rebates and incentives including:

- 400,000 people downloaded the real-time FuelCheck app, which could save drivers \$500 a year.
- 665,000 Active Kids vouchers were issued.
- Introduction of CTP reforms saving motorists around \$120 per year on their Green Slips. The average premium is expected to drop to \$500 from January 2019.
- First Homebuyers stamp duty concessions
- Indexing Stamp Duty to CPI, which will in the future save homebuyers thousands.
- Introduction of the EnergySwitch comparison website helping people save hundreds on their power bills.
- Caravan rego rebate delivering grey nomads, families and adventurers a 40 per cent discount when they register their caravans and camper trailers.

"These fantastic initiatives are only possible because of our strong financial management and commitment to take the pressure off the family budget," Mrs Hancock said.

"Only a Liberals & Nationals Government can afford to deliver real savings that help the working families of NSW and reduce barriers to people leading healthy lifestyles.

"This is about putting money back into the pockets of hard-working people right across NSW."



with Senior Constable Anthony Jory

Property security should be maintained at all times

Dear all, as I look at the crime reports over the last week it is easy to see that people are just not thinking about the security of their property. Could it be that when someone is on holidays and their relaxed mood increases their attention to property security decreases?

Sir Isaac Newton's third law of motion states - "For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction". Could this law be used to explain what has been happening over the holiday period in the Shoalhaven. I say "No".

Property security should be maintained at all times. Thousands of good people come down to the Shoalhaven to savour our beautiful lakes, rivers and beaches - to splash about in our pristine waters and to sample our cuisine and lifestyle. So do the crooks!

While you are mooring your boats for the night, don't leave fishing gear, fishing rods, eskies etc inside. Don't leaving bikes, eskies and unlocked cars outside while tucking yourself in at the local campground. Remember, the crooks may be waiting.

If you provide the opportunity for a crook to steal your property, it may well happen. And while you are now having a horrible holiday without your fishing gear or boat motor or credit cards, the crook is having a great time at your expense. Remove your valuables from vehicles and boats.

Don't leave your eskies, bikes, surfboards etc out the front of the annex. Keep your wallet safe and not in the car overnight. Don't keep valuables in a bag on the beach or under a towel when you go for a swim.

If you do have cameras, wallets, phones etc down at the beach, make sure someone is with them at all times. Take turns with swimming and watching.

**In a perfect world we shouldn't have to do it,
however the world is not perfect
and there are crooks about!**

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.

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Crime Prevention Officer	Nowra Police Station	02 44219619

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Crime Stoppers	Crime Stoppers	1800333000

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