



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

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**I believe Global Warming has
nothing to do with the
Catastrophic Bushfires, that we
have and are still experiencing.
But a light to a stick of dynamite,
will give a big explosion and I
believe the lack of fuel reduction
in our Forests and bushlands, has
made a similar contribution to our
present Catastrophic destruction
for Humans, Flora and Fauna!**

Written and Printed as a community service, by the Editor... Dennis Williams
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These photos were taken in Raybrooks Reserve Sanctuary Point on 2nd Feb 2020 bordering around the amenities block (Highlighted in the red triangle).

They highlight what I would consider to be future fuel loads, especially the large dry woodchip pile, boarding and encroaching into the bushlands below the many homes on Greville Avenue and while left unattended, together with the other abundance of dry fuel around the amenities block and the decaying pedestrian ramp, we could see a repeat of what we have seen since November 2019.

When will we see a proactive approach to Raybrooks Reserve, the Basin Walking Track and both Palm Beach and Paradise Beach.

If not for the 7,400 Locals of Sanctuary Point, give a thought for the Tourists, who were turned away during these fires and please take a real good look at what I see as a despicable state of the Parks mentioned above...



Beach Wheelchair free hire at some of the well maintained beaches sounds great... But would they be safe at Palm Beach Sanctuary Point?





Bushfires Lessons Not Heeded-When Will They Ever Learn

I believe the extreme green ideology which has permeated many government agencies has led to a situation which has made the current bushfire catastrophe so much worse than it needed to be. After the 2001 fires an extensive investigation was undertaken and a report produced, most of the recommendations were never acted on, which included among others that the fire trails through national parks be unblocked.

At the time of these fires I was the Mayor of Shoalhaven City Council and I was actively involved in the recovery process; at the time I made several suggestions on what we should do to better protect our community from fire attack as well as the native fauna. These suggestions were based on 40 years of experience in dealing with natural disasters including bushfires.

I am now urging Shoalhaven City Council to take up the fight on behalf of not only our citizens but the citizens of New South Wales by pushing for some common-sense amendments which will assist greatly in the protection of human life, loss of property as well as the protection of our native fauna.

The first a recommendation I have made deals with hazard reduction burns and the construction of asset protection zones adjacent to our towns and villages 200 m wide to be managed as Park lands. My recommendations also extend to hazard reduction burns which are almost impossible to achieve on any scale because of the impossible hurdles which are set by the New South Wales environmental legislation and the Commonwealth government ECPB Act. It is my recommendation that we urge both the state and Commonwealth governments to exempt the construction and maintenance of asset protection zones and fuel load reduction works from both Acts of Parliament.

The question may well be asking why is this necessary? The answer is very simple I can give numerous examples of where local bushfire brigades have requested permission to undertake hazard reduction burns during the autumn or winter only to have their applications refused on environmental grounds. In one case the lands Department issued an approval for a hazard reduction burn at Currarong only to then rescinded because it was believed that an endangered bird may be present. The whole idea of these cold burns is to allow animals to escape while still reducing the fuel load.

As far as asset protection zones adjacent to towns are concerned my proposal is that they generally be at least 200 m wide and be maintained as Park lands with the understory controlled by slashing or mowing these asset protection zones could then provide a valuable resource for exercise for both human and their canine friends or in fact playing fields for our youth. The effect of these APZs is that they will stop a raging fire in their tracks turning it into a manageable fire, as well as providing a baseline for fire brigades to mount a defensive back burn from.

In other recommendation I've made Is That the New South Wales Government Give Consideration to the construction of strategic fire breaks through some of the large vegetated areas in national parks and State forests and for these fire breaks to be at least a width of a major electricity easement. These could be arranged in a grid pattern with the grids containing up to 20,000 ha of land, these strategic fire breaks could be used to limit the spread of a major forest fire, undertake hazard reduction burns in controlled areas, or mount a defensive back burning operation during a major fire.

The extent of the devastation and destruction of native animals in the unmanaged national parks has been bad enough to make some species extinct or lead to their extinction. To achieve the outcomes, I am outlining, I pledged to leave no stone unturned, no ministerial door not knocked on as we must win this one if we are to make our community a safe place as we move into the future of climate uncertainty. I'm also totally opposed to the sweep it under the carpet calls for a ridiculous Royal Commission which will delay, defer and ultimately defeat this opportunity to put in place what is needed to protect our community.

I believe the extreme green ideology which has permeated many government agencies has led to a situation which has made the current bushfire catastrophe so much worse and I finish by saying

“When Will They Ever Learn” Greg Watson EMERITUS MAYOR Mobile: 0412 210 979

Notice of Motion Submitted at the Strategy and Assets committee on 21st January 2020 and carried. To view Webcast of meeting click on the text box

<https://cdn.interstream-media.com/council/shoalhaven/sho-200121.mp4> motion commences at 15min 34 sec into the webcast

SUBJECT; Protection of our Urban areas from Bushfire

To assist in protecting our Towns and Villages from future bushfire attack, Council resolve to mount a campaign to have the NSW or the Commonwealth Government carry out the following actions as they may apply to them and the same provisions also be applied to any Local Government Council where appropriate.

1. To exempt hazard reduction burns and the construction of asset protection zones (APZ's), required as a result of a duly adopted standard, from the provisions of the EPCB Act and the NSW Environmental Legislation, internal Government Agency Policies, or any other limitations within other ACTS or Regulations which restrict any authorised authority from constructing and maintaining APZs or undertaking hazard reduction burns.
2. To have the NSW State Government adopt as a general policy that Urban settlements requiring the provision of an APZ at the interface with natural areas, such APZ be at least 200m (the creation of APZs of at least 200m wide on the sides of Urban settlements particularly where they are likely to be threatened by a bushfire front) and to have such APZs managed as Park Lands.
3. To either repeal or create an easement over any section of a National Park where part of the Park falls within a 200m APZ and vest the management of that land in the local Council.
4. To enact Legislation to require a private land holder(including Aboriginal Land) create and maintain a parkland like cleared area of generally 200m to act as an APZ between the subject land and the interface with any urban development requiring the provision of an APZ (Urban settlement,) where a property owner fails to comply with this requirement an authorised authority may carry out the work and charge the land holder for the works, with the exception of Aboriginal Land where the clearing will remain a cost on the authority.
5. To require any Government Authority who manages forested areas to properly maintain and improve the construction of fire trails, this is to include the remove of any obstructions other than locked gates.
6. To consider the construction strategic fire breaks though forested areas including National Parks of a similar width to a major electricity easement.

Note:

We must take action to protect our community as far as possible from another fire event like we have been through in the last 2 months the loss of life and the destruction of property deserves the highest level of response to provide the protection we all deserve. The almost total elimination of entire species from our National Parks is a tragedy I have great difficulty coming to terms with. I personally blame the bureaucratic policies which have in my opinion have been driven by green ideology. In my view this ideology infests many Government Departments which has prevented them adopting practical and proven management policies which could reduce the loss of life, property and native fauna.

I have included 2 pictures showing savanna style managed parklands and the adjacent burnt out Nation Park, this is an indication of how parkland style management can protect life and property from a major unmanaged fire source.



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.

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

Just like the Americans, we also may very well say "GOD BLESS AUSTRALIA," but! I also say "GOD BLESS our courageous Firefighters and Emergency Services and all of the Volunteers who rallied together with our defence force and all of those who came across the seas to help in our time of need.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL... GOD BLESS AUSTRALIA

Dennis and Kate Williams

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WEB SITE AT : <http://www.shoalwater.nsw.gov.au>

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<https://www.sanctuarypointmenshed.org/>

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**GET
IN
TOUCH
NOW**

Wednesday, 29 January 2020

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARD

Applications for the NSW Government's \$250 Regional Seniors Travel Card are now open for those living in the South Coast electorate.

Eligible seniors can apply through service.nsw.gov.au, by calling 13 77 88 or visiting a Service NSW Service Centre.

Member for South Coast Shelley Hancock said the card would ease the cost of travel for eligible regional seniors.

"Travel is one of the most significant expenses for residents living in rural and regional NSW, which is why the NSW Government committed at the 2019 election to reducing that cost for seniors," Mrs Hancock.

"The NSW Government are making it easier and more affordable for them to stay connected with family and friends, as well as accessing essential services including medical appointments and shopping centres.

"The card is able to be used for pre-booked NSW TrainLink Regional services, taxis and fuel, helping seniors get to where they need to go."

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Paul Toole said applications were open from today through Service NSW, with cards expected to be posted out to eligible seniors from mid-late February, following a successful pilot in Coffs Harbour.

"We are running a three week pilot in Coffs Harbour to ensure every step of the process is a smooth and hassle-free experience for both seniors and retailers in the bush," Mr Toole said.

"Following this trial, the card will be posted to seniors, with a PIN to follow a few days later with an explanation on how to activate the card.

Eligible seniors will have a minimum of 12 months to use their card from the time of activation.

To be eligible to receive the \$250 Regional Seniors Travel Card you must be an age pensioner with a valid Pensioner Concession Card or hold a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card issued by either the Department of Human Services or Department of Veterans' Affairs. Seniors must also live in regional NSW outside Sydney, Newcastle or Wollongong City Council boundaries.

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



BUSH FIRE SAFETY

NSW RURAL
FIRE SERVICE

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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

Things to do around your house and garden:

- keep lawns short and gardens well maintained
- cut back trees and shrubs overhanging buildings
- clean 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 and up to date
- complete your Bush Fire Survival Plan available at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au.

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



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.

PREPARE

ACT

RECOVER

BUSH FIRE INFORMATION LINE | 1800 579 737



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



Between Sussex Inlet Road and Wandandian on the Princes Highway, before and after the fires came... It's not a matter of Oh! What have we done? It's time now for Proactive Action to minimize this wide spread destruction in the future. We may very well be a land of Drought and Flooding Rain... So just as we need to capture and pipe the flooding Rain across this land, we also need to minimize the decaying fuel in our Forests and Bushlands and put in Buffer Zones to help control the fires and also provide some safety for the Amazing Fauna we have in Australia.





NSW Custody Statistics: Quarterly update December 2019

NSW PRISON POPULATION APPROACHING ALL TIME HIGH

Full report - [NSW Custody Statistics: Quarterly update December 2019](#) (pdf 1.3mb) - Link to [Infographics](#) (pdf 343Kb)

New figures released today by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) show the NSW prison population rose by 3.6% or 470 people in 2019 to 13,635. The prison population in December was only slightly lower than the highest ever previous point – 13,651 people in May 2018.

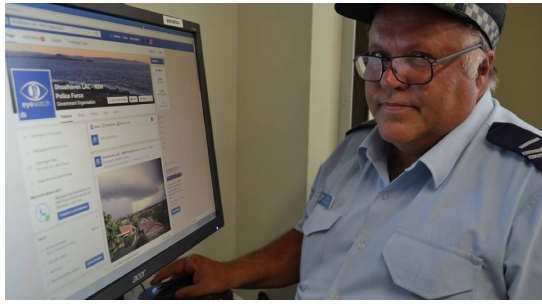
The increase between December 2018 and December 2019 was largely due to a rise in the number of sentenced prisoners (up 4.9% or 417 people). The number of prisoners on remand awaiting court rose only slightly (up 1.2% or 53 people).

By contrast, the number of young people in detention remains low by historic standards. In December 2019 there were 275 young people in detention. This is roughly similar to the previous year (259 in December 2018) but 40 fewer than in December 2013 (315 young people).

Commenting on the findings, Jackie Fitzgerald, Acting Executive Director of the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) said the steady increase in the prison population over the past year is expected to continue. "Forecasts suggest that in the coming year the male prison population will increase again by more than 200".

Further enquiries: Jackie Fitzgerald 02 8346 1100

Copies of the report: www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au



With Senior Constable Anthony Jory Do not be tricked by these scams

**Who says that lightning does not strike twice?
The other day I received another phone call
advising me that my compensation was in after
my accident (I never had one). I said, great. After speaking with the gentleman
for a matter of milliseconds I knew that the caller was trying to scam me.**

Look at it logically, I have a silent number, I did not have an accident in my car, the caller did not know my name, he did not know any details of the alleged accident. He did want to know my banking details. I made it clear to the caller that he was a scammer and then I hung up the phone. That is exactly what you have to do when you receive similar calls. Lately there has been the scam I just mentioned, Tax Scams where people are told by phone or letter that they will be sued or arrested if they don't pay up. People have been receiving letters from Spain indicating that if they allow their bank account to be used to park a large sum of money, they will be well rewarded. The amount offered is in the millions.

Do not be tricked by these scams. Your money is your money and you worked hard for it. Do not be fooled by the sob stories or the promise of wealth. Do not give out your bank account details to any person. If you are contacted by anyone about financial matters and they do not even know your name then hang up. Go and have a cup of tea and a biscuit happy in the knowledge that your money is safe and not in the hands of the thieving scammers. The elderly are quite vulnerable to these scams. If you have an elderly relative or friend, talk to them about the different kinds of scams and advise them that under no circumstances should they give out their bank details over the phone.

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and you can Dob in a Druggie any time you like, by contacting Nowra Police
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Information provided by On The Beat & Inserted by the Editor

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Bay & Basin Police Station	Sanctuary Point	Fax: 02 44421811
Crime Prevention Officer	Nowra Police Station	02 44219619
Police Assistance Line	PAL	131444
Police Assistance Line (PAL) Hearing / speech impaired only	PAL TTY	02 92113776
Crime Stoppers	Crime Stoppers	1800333000

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NSW Police Community PORTAL — Check it out for yourself

http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community_portal/about-the-portal

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