

# Welcome to my SANCTUARY POINT CONCERNED CITIZEN NEWSLETTER January 2012 Vol. 012

**UNRESOLVED** Issues from ... 2011

Although there were many issues addressed during 2011 and we thank those, who helped our cause! ... 2012 is another year for taking care of the issues ... UNRESOLVED!

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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

## **Unresolved Issues from 2011**

The purpose of our Newsletter was to bring pride and dignity to our town, the







town where we all live, play and grow, the town that we all call! ... SANCTU-ARY POINT.

A true concerned citizen of Sanctuary Point, is anyone who can really see the beauty and wonderful assets that this town has to offer. If you can open your eyes, breath in the fresh air and truthfully say! "What can I do for Sanctuary Point?" "What can I do for our town?" Then you, will be half way there!

When you read this volume, please don't think, that I like to negatively criticise issues in Sanctuary Point! ... "I Don't " And I don't like to been

"I Don't,". And I don't like to hear others being negative towards Sanctuary Point, when most of our issues are created from without Sanctuary Point and usually by someone, who does not live in our town. But! Shame on Shoalhaven City Council for allowing the Visual Pollution that confronts visitors and residents at the locations as shown in Pic 1, 2 & 3.

**Pic 1:** The untidy, Graffiti visual and deteriorating roadway behind the Sanctuary Point Shops. (Private or not!!)

Pic 2: The Safety problem with dangerous pot holes in the Shopping Centre customer car park, that Council can not resolve. (Private or not)

Pic 3: The Dust and Dirt on sunny days and the mud and slush on the wet days, that the residents have been put-

ting up with, because Council decided to construct an unsealed overflow car park for the visitor to the Palm Beach Reserve. (I believe this one comes under Council control??) ... How would you like these messes, outside of the Council Chambers in Nowra.



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This is another issue that Shoalhaven City Council can not fix, an exposed drainage pit, adjacent to a residential home, where a family of six children, from the ages of 4 years to 12 years of age, could be living and playing near. Pictures 4, 5 & 6 show a blatant lack of concern by our Council, as they clearly show no rail or guarding to prevent someone falling, or driving into the pit, if we had a pool exposed to these type of dangers, would it not be Councils responsibility to have it fenced, if brought to their attention! Surely this is not a privately owned drain that Council has no control over.

I have been informed on good authority, that young boys, as adventuress as they are, were located, almost out of sight, up this drain. Just seeing how far they could go! ... Were these little fellows your children? If not, imagine if they were! And then the rains came down!!

I am not an engineer, but! I am not that stupid, to not know, that this potentially life threatening and OH&S issue could be resolved with a few pipes, a few tonnes of dirt, a layer of Sir Walter and a response from Council to address the issue. Oh! By the way, Council and anyone else can find this issue, at the Corner of MacGibbon Parade and Fitzpatrick Street, Old Erowal Bay.

Pic 7 was an issue in Mustang Street Sanctuary Point, which has been addressed by Council, but! Seriously I have seen what they have done and it is still no better! Don't take my word, take a drive around there for yourself!

In fact, why not take a drive around most of the roads in Sanctuary Point ... Oh Boy!

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#### PRIVATE LAND NO TRESPASSING

And I thought Council were too long in resolving some of the issues that I have included in this Newsletter, that are Twelve months old! Well give some thought for the owners of Private Land on, what I thought was Council Park land, which it would seem now, is privately owned by Bunnerong Investments Pty Ltd and from what I hear, they have been trying to resolve a satisfactory resolution with Shoalhaven City Council for Twenty Years.

The land in question is located on two of our Recreational Park Land, namely the John Williams Reserve Boat Ramp and Children's Play area and our very popular Local and Tourists favourite, the ever popular Palm Beach Reserve and Children's play area, that were taped off on the 13th December 2011, with the threat of Trespassing on private land, if you enter the enclosed area.

Pictures 8 & 9 have been taken from John Williams Reserve and Pictures 10 & 11 have been taken from Palm Beach ... is this an indication of how long it takes Council to resolve issues, where private ownership is involved? Who can we turn to, who have the ... "Backbones," to help us resolve issues with private owners, in a far less time than the twenty years it is taking on this issue. Hopefully the issue has been resolved over the Christmas break and the area's are now fully under Council control and no one will be prosecuted for trespassing??

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Just when you thought that I was finished with MacGibbon Parade and Fitzpatrick Street, Old Erowal Bay, I thought I should show you pictures 12, 13, & 14 which were taken when we had a bit of rain! Imagine what this would be like during a thunder storm! ... But! Seriously, if you were a young child, who had been given a toy boat for Christmas, wouldn't it be fun to slip it into here?? ... Get real, this should be covered!

#### SANCTUARY POINT PARKCARE GROUP Together! ... We can make a DIFFERENCE!

We believe that the formation of the Parkcare Group for our Town, can help with maintaining the pride in the Parks and Recreational grounds, where our citizens take time out to enjoy what our town has on offer.

Please contact Dennis Williams on 4443 3394 if you want to make a difference and Join us! ... Or perhaps you just want further details, on what our Volunteer Group can do for our community!

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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  $3^{rd}$  and  $24^{th}$  February, the  $27^{th}$  April and the  $25^{th}$  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.

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 ... call 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**

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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!

Kate and I have just taken some time out and spent time at the Oak Ranch, Mossy Point over Christmas. We saw no Scribble (Graffiti), heard no Trail Bike or Jalopy Hoons, behaving like "Bad Little Boys," heard no one losing control and their bad language used in frustration, of their own lack of authority to bring about Peace and Order in their lives! We both experienced, Peace and Harmony and the Good Will, which the Management and Staff of the Oak Ranch provided to everyone of their Guests.

I was fortunate to get in three games of golf on the nine hole golf course, we swam in the heated salt water pool, we were spoilt with a three course Christmas Lunch, walked hand in hand along the ocean beaches and met many others, who were doing just what we were doing! Christmas is many things to many of us and each of us have the right to experience Christmas, as we see Christmas and believe Christmas to be!

It was nice being away from Sanctuary Point ... but! Do you know what? ... It was great coming back to the Shoalhaven and seeing the first SANCTUARY POINT sign, we knew we were coming home and ... There is! ... "No Place Like Home!" ... HAPPY NEW YEAR for 2012

### Let's work together in 2012 and clean out the ... **UNRESOLVED ISSUES FROM SANCTUARY POINT!**

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) For

Telephone: 4441 3555.

