



*Welcome to my **SANCTUARY POINT**
CONCERNED
CITIZEN
NEWSLETTER
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**Year's in
Review...**

**So! What has been
DONE?**



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When I first commenced this Newsletter in February 2011, Paul Green was the Mayor, but! It took a Federal Member of Parliament, the Honourable Joanna Gash MP... Federal Member for Gilmore to support my Newsletter as a community service and offered to print 300 of my Newsletter’s each month! And to her word, 300 newsletters were printed and made ready for me to pick up from her Nowra Federal Office, each month from February 2011, until May 2012. Since June 2012 Kate and I took on the sole responsibility of printing all of the newsletters, that we distribute each month... Thank you Joanna Gash! Joanna is now the Mayor and also the Federal Member for Gilmore and I thought my life was complicated!

My second page opening words, of my first issue in February 2011, rightly deserves my first review in this my 24th Volume... “Because you are looking at the second page of this Newsletter, I take it that you are also, probably a little concerned, of what is happening in our Town. You most likely have the pride and dignity, that our town requires from its residents, and you also, would like to see our town return to its former glory, of the SANCTUARY it once was and from which it takes its name ... SANCTUARY POINT.” “If I had the visual pollution and potential dangerous hazards associated with my residential property, like that I encounter in my Town, I would be ashamed to call my home ... “Home!” So why would our Council... Shoalhaven Council, not be concerned enough to clean up their jurisdiction of Sanctuary Point, or have they also lost pride in their own jurisdiction... We all live in the Shoalhaven District and depend on our Council to represent its constituents in matters of blatant concern for the safety of our communities and everyone who live, visit, travel through, or comes in contact with our towns within the wonderful district of the SHOALHAVEN, need to trust our Local Council.”

My initial focus was on the Graffiti, the state of the Pot Hole infested, shopping centre car parking, alongside of Paradise Beach Road. The untidy state of the rear side of the shops and the lack of maintenance of the path ways and roadways along the approach to and within Sanctuary Point.

Following Issues highlighted the half hearted attempt by Council Maintenance Department to cut the long overdue approach to Sanctuary Point. I introduced the disparity between the Entrance Signs.

WELCOME
to Sanctuary
Point



WELCOME
to Vincentia



Even the Signage on the
Approaches, seem
disproportionate!

Councillor Bob Proudfoot rallied the citizens of SANCTUARY POINT to assemble with our WORKING TOOLS, amongst the shabby result, left over, from the Shoalhaven Council’s Maintenance Department.

There was a call for the establishment of a Sanctuary Point Community Pride Committee and there were Ten of the citizens attending a meeting, who nominated to join the committee, a motion was passed by Alan Blackshaw and the Sanctuary Point Community Pride Committee was duly passed! Councillors Watson, Proudfoot, Fergusson and Miller say! “They do have a care for what happens in SANCTUARY POINT!” Mayor Paul Green, has been privileged, with a seat in the State Upper House. He has also said that he will complete his Local Council Obligation ... Does that mean his SANCTUARY POINT obligations?

I addressed an issue towards the “YOUTH’s” and “ADULT’s,” of Sanctuary Point... Where I asked, “ What do you want? A District SKATE BOARD PARK, that Shoalhaven Council are bent on pushing on SANCTUARY POINT, or perhaps, would you prefer to have a District ... BMX BIKE PARK, with a MINI PUT, PUT, Golf Course, that all FAMILIES could enjoy and at half of the cost of the proposed \$445 Thousand Dollars, that our LOCAL SHOALHAVEN COUNCIL are prepared to give us, for another SKATE BOARD PARK.”. I said! “We already have a Skate Park and we can see what has been done with that!! Council put that one in... COME ON!... Do we! or Council!... Tell us! what we want?? ... What Do You Want?? ... I Know what I would Prefer!! ... **“\$445,000 Cleaning the mess in Sanctuary Point!”**

I have kept you up to date with Richard (Dick) Manwarring’s quest for his fund raising, for the Bay & Basin Cancer Support Group, Code C Fancy dress Nights, that would benefit The Shoalhaven Linear Accelerator and the Members of the Local Cancer Support Group, in their long roads to recovery from various forms of cancer!

In October 2011 The Sanctuary Point Volunteer Parkcare Group was formed and I was pleased to have been their inaugural Group Coordinator, until December 2012 when Robert Hitchcock was elected to the position.

Report on Woolworth’s Shopping Development at the crossroads Vincentia.

Announcement for Yvette Hopper, the Coordinator of the Inaugural Sanctuary Point Clean Up Australia Day, on the 4th March 2012.

The commencement of the Shoalhaven Cancer Care Centre ... A Write-up and Photos of the Construction Work Commencement on the 26th March 2012.

Overgrown Vacant Blocks of Private Land.

Three months of amazing journey along my campaign trail, for a seat on the Shoalhaven Council, although unsuccessful, If I was younger, I would have been keen to do it all again in four years time and I would recommend anyone to seriously consider running as a candidate, if ever the opportunity comes their way... I have no regrets, the experience was well worth the effort!

Introduction of the Inaugural Spring into Sanctuary Point, community expo and celebrations.

Support for the residents of the Berry Court apartments , against the building of a Multi Storey Car Park alongside of their homes.

These issues and many more issues, have been included in my Newsletter over the last twenty four months ... We have been given SUPPORT from our Federal and State Parliamentarians, our Local Council, the Police, the Local Business Owners, the Media and many of the Local Residents, who call our Town “Home”. There has been some improvements around Sanctuary Point ... but! there is more ... much more to be done!

Graffiti is being challenged and in time CCTV cameras will be used to bring criminal perpetrators to account ... I have previously said that Australia’s, clean up Graffiti bill is around \$80 –100 Million per year, or the cost of three hundred and thirty three, \$300,000 home and land packages, every year, that could be built and provided for those who are in need of Low cost housing! Give them the pride and dignity, that everyone in this great land deserver's! We have our Entrance Sign to Sanctuary Point, the shopping centre Car Park has been resealed, Graffiti is being removed around Sanctuary Point in a short time, Larmer Avenue and Centaur Avenue is being maintained more regularly by council and discussion papers are in progress, that will provide Sanctuary Point with a “Place Making action Plan,” which can see our town prosper and develop over the next 20 years.

When you have the opportunity to have your say, on the development of our Town!... Will you stand up and be counted as a Concerned Citizen of Sanctuary Point?... Or will you let others decide for you?

2012 Another Year has passed...

To Kate and I... Christmas represents the celebration of the birth of Jesus and our Christian way of life! To others, Christmas can represent many other interpretations, but! To most of us



here in Australia, it is a time of sharing, giving and receiving from Family and friends and what would it be, without the jolly old fat man in the red suit, who I just happened to come across at a very popular meeting place in Sanctuary Point, just before Christmas! Do you recognise where I saw Santa Clause and his very hard working Elf?



A New Year has begun! **2013** May Peace, Love and Happiness have its presence throughout the NEW YEAR and all of your Dreams, Hopes and Wishes come true!

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A very Special day to Remember
Australia Day
Saturday 26th January 2013
And how will you celebrate this day?

C'mon
Mate!



Make it a good'un!

The Fire Season has started

Take Care, Look, Listen and Prepare!

And don't forget to care for your Pets!



BUSH FIRE SAFETY

FIREWISE
moving towards a FireWise community

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PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

WAIT UNTIL THE FIRE IS ON TOP OF YOU AND YOU MAY DIE

PROTECT
YOUR FAMILY.
PROTECT
YOUR LIFE.

PREPARE.

You must make important decisions before the fire season starts

You are at risk from bush fires if you live or work near bushland, grassland, scrub, or farmland.

A fire can be terrifying, with strong winds, intense heat and flames, and thick smoke. Don't make rushed and dangerous decisions. Prepare your **Bush Fire Survival Plan**. Relocate aged, young and sick family members early from areas likely to be impacted by fires. Leaving early is the safest option.

Your well-prepared home will increase the safety of fire fighters and is more likely to survive a bush fire even if you leave early.

SURVIVE.

Know what you will do to survive

Know your bush fire alerts.

Advice means a fire is nearby and you should stay up to date.

At Watch and Act, a bush fire is approaching and you need to put your Bush Fire Survival Plan into action.

An Emergency Warning means you may be in danger. Don't wait for direction from emergency services, as failure to act can result in death or injury.

If you plan to leave early, you should leave long before the bush fire is in your area. Do not stay and defend without careful planning and preparation.

Know an alternative route to a safer location. Find out if there is a Neighbourhood Safer Place in your area, but remember they should only be used as a place of last resort. Have a back-up plan in case you can't get to a safer location.

ACT.

The higher the fire danger rating, the more dangerous the conditions

Know the fire danger in your area and what it means. The fire danger rating should be your first trigger for action and could save your life. When the rating is Catastrophic, leaving early is the only option for your survival.

Know your triggers. Be prepared to activate your Bush Fire Survival Plan with little or no warning.



PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

Your Bush Fire Survival Plan, Fire Danger Ratings, Bush Fire Alerts and Neighbourhood Safer Places can be found at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au



PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE. | BUSH FIRE INFORMATION LINE | 1800 678 737

Last month I included an article on the Bay & Basin Sportsfishing Tour company doing what they do best! Creating enjoyment on our pristine waters .



You can find them on the internet bbsf.com.au or mobile 0413 610 832
The fish they catch, they photo em and let em go!
I have been told that you can book a kayak to see the Friendly Dolphin in the St Georges Basin... **How's that!**

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Clean Up Australia Day

Sunday 3rd March 2013

Clean up Australia Day is an annual, one day community involvement event, where individuals volunteer some of their time on the day, to help others, collect and properly dispose of...

Un-wanted Rubbish in their community!

To be involved—Check out this web site



<http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/oursanctuaryourhaven>

You too can make a difference to our Town... Our Sanctuary Point!

Notice of Correction

Article December 2012— Page5— Woolworth Marketplace Development.

Parking for 9500 Cars should have been 950 Cars
Sorry for any inconvenience.
The Editor

Sanctuary Point Men's Shed

The Sanctuary Point Men's Shed can be contacted by calling the President :
Alex Paton on 02 4443 4281 or going on line at
www.sanctuarypointmensed.org

To view their wonderful Carpentry and Wrought Ironwork, step inside of the new IGA complex at St Georges Basin, where the Men's shed is located just inside the main door, every Thursday from 10.00 am and you can be sure to find something that takes your fancy!

At present SANCTUARY POINT MEN'S SHED, both the metal and wood working, is located on private property at Falls Creek and it is time to bring back this registered charity to "SANCTUARY POINT," where it belongs. Clifton Park would make a wonderful home, together with COMMUNITY GARDENS and a great BICYCLE TRACK for the recreation of the whole community to enjoy.



Sanctuary Point Men's Shed is a Registered Charity and they need your Support.

They are an Asset of our town

SANCTUARY POINT a COASTAL VILLAGE of the SHOALHAVEN

We build many and varied things in our shed and hope this gives you some insight into these items.

**SANCTUARY POINT MENS SHED IS A FULLY INCORPORATED, REGISTERED CHARITY
ALL DONATIONS OVER \$2.00 MADE TO SPMS ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE**

<http://www.sanctuarypointmensed.org/>

7/12/2012

Overgrown Blocks of Private Vacant Land.
We may very well accept the call from the NSW Rural Fire Service to prepare our Home and Property against Bush Fires... But when I see the state of so many overgrown blocks of Vacant Private Land around Sanctuary Point... Who accepts the blame when these catch alight?

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 394.

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

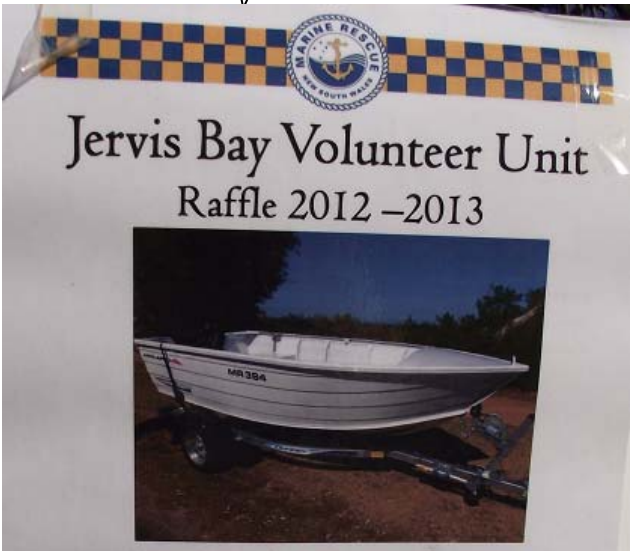
CRIME STOPPERS ... call 1800 333 000

Dob in a Wrong! ... You Know it's Right!

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!**

MARINE RESCUE JERVIS BAY - Major raffle to be drawn 9th June 2013 at Huskisson Bowling Club

Purchase Tickets at the Marine Rescue Jervis Bay watch House in Voyager Park Huskisson



Tickets \$1.00 each

1st Prize Aglapro model MR 384, Seating 2 x boxed athwart seats fully sealed for flotation chamber, Floor Carpeted flat centre floor, Engine Suzuki 9.9 HP 4 Stroke, Electronic ignition, Pull start, Trailer Dumbier 4 MHW, Single axle, Wind down jockey wheel, LED lights, Safety Pack :1 x pair aluminium oars c/w rowlocks, 2 x Life jackets, 1 x Waterproof Torch, 1 x V Sheet, 1 x Anchor c/w 2 m chain, 1 x Bailer kit, 1 x Hand held horn.
Alternatively, \$5,000 in cash paid to the winner if the vessel is not required.

2nd Prize 1x Family pass for Jervis Bay Eco Adventure, donated by Dolphin Wild cruises
 3rd Prize 2x Fishing Charter gift: Certificates Fishing Reef& Bay, donated by Jervis Bay Fishing Charter
 4th Prize 1x Pair of the latest Visionary Compact Binoculars, donated by Nature Lodge Optics

Drawn 7.30 pm Sunday June 9th at Huskisson Bowling Club.

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)

Telephone: 4441 3555.

For

