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

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Hello, thank you for reading our Newsletter January 2019 as January 2011 marked the start of our Newsletter which was sent to Mayor Green of Shoalhaven council and the then Federal Member of Gilmore Joanna Gash MP, who encouraged Kate and I to pursue the publication of our Newsletter as a Community Service.

Eight years on and we still have fire in our bellies and the encouragement given to us so many years ago, to pursue the almost impossible dream, to see Sanctuary Point developed as a Coastal Village, with its 7,200 residents, as it is being developed with other Costal Villages with far less populations.

FROM US TO ALL CONCERNED CITIZENS, WHERE EVER YOU CALL HOME

MAY 2019 BE YOUR YEAR, WHEN ALL OF YOUR DREAMS AND WISHES COME TRUE...

## HAPPY NEW YEAR KATE and Dennis

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St Georges Basin Public School

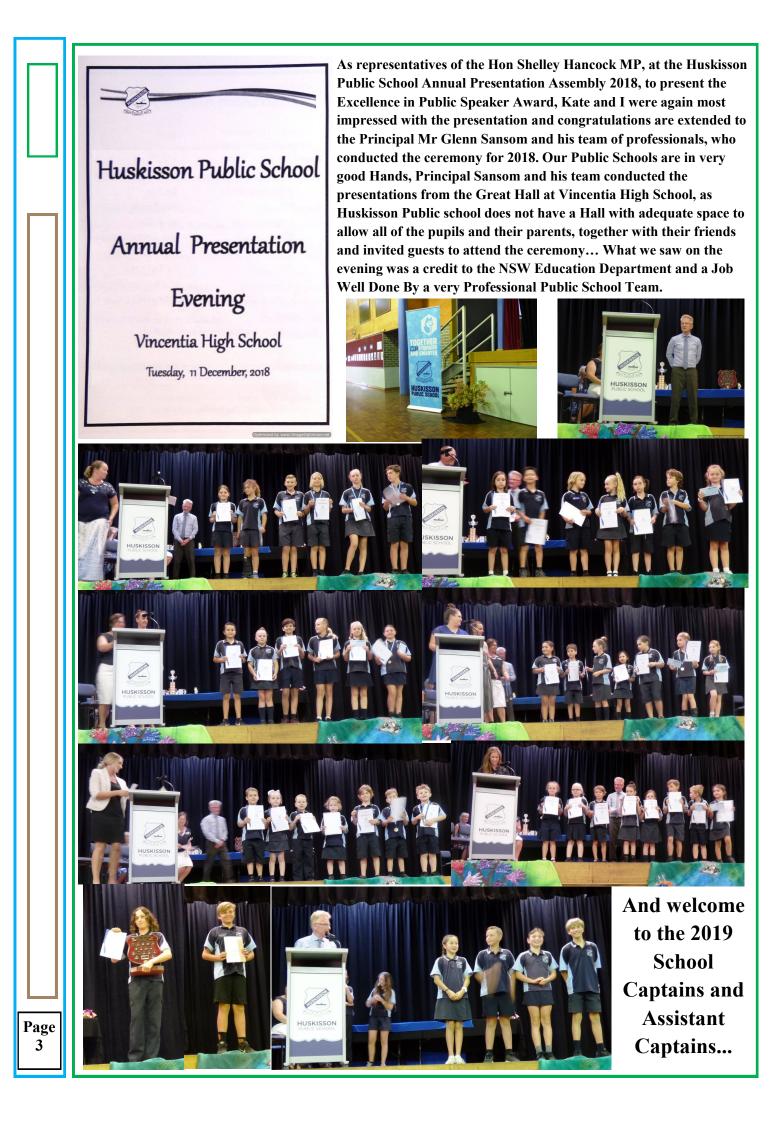
# AUSTRALIA DAY 2019

Where will you be on the 26th January 2019?

If you are in the vicinity of Moona Moona Creek Huskisson and have not bought a \$5 ticket in the Duck Derby to win \$500 on the day. You can still buy one on the last day and help towards keeping Jervis Bay Marine Rescue... Keeping us all Safe on the Water!

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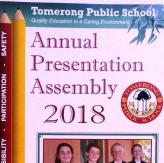
### Palm Beach, Ray Brooks Reserve and The Basin Walking Track

It is comforting to think someone else will fix all our problems in our village, but! This will not be the case ... each of us are required to contact the appropriate authority for changing the wrong in our community. Shoalhaven City Council (CSC) has approximately 1000+ council staff plus the 13 Councillors and Mayor, between them, they are all charged and assigned with a duty or responsibility for the 49 Towns and Villages of the Shoalhaven.

If we extrapolate a few figures, such as the 1000 + staff and councillors, divide it by 49 towns, they have approximately 20+ people per town, where Sanctuary Point alone has 7,200 residents and a very large percentage of that, are mature enough to be called adults ... If you see something wrong taking place in our Village, or wherever you call home... Make a phone call to your council or the appropriate authority, otherwise don't blame them for all the wrongs in our communities, if they don't know when the wrongs are happening!

Kate and I have been lobbying council since 2013 for a fair and equitable allocation and maintenance of the scarce assets and facilities, that have been allocated to Palm Beach & Ray Brooks Reserve and the Basin Walking Track, through Redhead Point and Sanctuary Point... How long is a piece of string? I recon! Just about as long as you accept in being strung along!

#### Tell me if I am wrong! If no one contacts me, I take it 7,200 agree with me!



As representatives of the Hon Shelley Hancock MP, at the Tomerong Public School Annual Presentation Assembly 2018, Kate and I were honoured to present the Excellence in Public Speaker Award and we were most impressed with the presentation and congratulations are extended to the Principal Mr Rod White and his team of professionals, who conducted the ceremony for 2018. Principal White and his team conducted the presentations from the Great Hall at Vincentia High School.

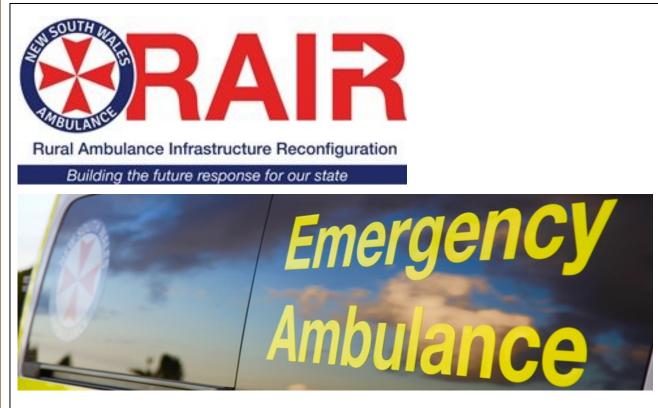
Our Public Schools are in in very good Hands, ... What we saw on the night



was a credit to the NSW Education Department and a Job Well Done By a very Professional team.

Tomerong Public School is not a large school, but what we saw at the presentation, was education at its finest and our children in very capable hands!





#### The Wool Road, St Georges Basin

In December 2018, an official party inspected the new Bay and Basin NSW Ambulance station, located on The Wool Road, following the recent completion of its construction.

NSW Ambulance will now begin a carefully planned fit out and commissioning process before the station becomes operational.

This commissioning process will be conducted before a staged roll-out of services which will ensure the ongoing delivery of high-quality emergency care during the transition.

Designed with input from local paramedics, the station will enable NSW Ambulance to better meet the mobile emergency care needs of the Bay and Basin communities for years to come.

The new station includes:

- Internal parking for up to four emergency ambulance vehicles
- Administration and office areas
- Multipurpose meeting/training room
- Relief accommodation
- Logistics and storage areas
- Staff parking
- Delivery and loading bay
- External wash bay

## Bay and Basin Cancer Support Group

ABN: 84 056 901 368

President: Dianne Dummett 2A Kerry Street, Sanctuary Point NSW 2540 Phone: (02) 4443 3275



If you have been touched by cancer and you would like a friend to talk with, you will

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

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!





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.



The Hon Shelley Hancock MP Member for South Coast



From the Office of the Hon Shelley Hancock MP - Ph: (02)4421 0222

#### TOMERONG PUBLIC SCHOOL OPEN FOR PLAY OVER HOLIDAYS

Tomerong Public School will make their grounds available to the public over the summer school holidays as part of the NSW Government's Share Our Space Program.

The program allows members of the community to use their local public school's outdoor facilities, providing new opportunities for play, sport and outdoor recreation.

Mrs Hancock said the school as part of the program would receive \$5,000 in funding and be open every day from 22 December 2018 to 25 January 2019, 8am to 6pm.

"This is the second time this year Tomerong Public School has opened its grounds to the local community, having also participated in the winter holidays' Share Our Space Program.

"This is a fantastic program and I'm glad to see Tomerong Public School is taking advantage of the opportunity for the second time.

"Not only does the community get to use the facilities but Tomerong Public School now has an additional \$10,000 to use towards improving the school however they think best.

"These summer holidays I'm encouraging kids to get out and about and make the most of their holidays. By opening up the school's ground we are utilising a safe and fun environment already in place in the community," Mrs Hancock said.

NSW Government funding to benefit Tomerong Public School this year includes:

- \$75,827 as part of the early 2018 school maintenance summer blitz;
- \$218,761 in Resource Allocation Model funding;
- \$24,459 in additional maintenance funding; and
- Pedestrian safety upgrades.

The NSW Government is investing an additional \$2.1 million in South Coast schools this year for school maintenance ensuring they are maintained to the best standards.

The 2019 school budget allocations will see a record \$14.5 million distributed to public schools across the South Coast, \$1 million more than allocated in the previous year.

Under the NSW Government's Cooler Classrooms Program five South Coast schools will have new air conditioning systems installed.

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#### Embargoed until 5.00pm 18th December 2018 Shoalhaven City Council General Manager Russ Pigg Retires

Today Council's General Manager Russ Pigg has announced his retirement plans to the Mayor and Councillors. Russ has advised that he will continue working in February and March before a period of long service leave and retire from 10/8/19.

After spending over 42 years in the industry with 27 years of this as either a Shire Clerk or General Manager, the time has come to move into retirement.

Russ Pigg said "I have enjoyed serving the Shoalhaven community since July 2001 as the Assistant General Manager and General Manager since January 2003."

"I am proud of what Council and our wonderful staff, have achieved over these years. The renewal of sports fields and sporting facilities, including the development of the Nowra Aquatic Centre, Bay and Basin Leisure Centre and Sussex Inlet Aquatic Centre."

"The development of arts and cultural precincts including the Regional Art Gallery and Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre and well as the redeveloped Ulladulla Civic Centre."

"The construction of strategic road assets including Main Road 92, St Georges Basin by-pass, Turpentine Road and Forest Road."

"I was also pleased that we were able to work through the Merger Proposal with Kiama Council and remain a stand-alone Council and achieve a sustainable future with the approval of the IPART application"

"It is a role that has its challenges but is also very fulfilling, especially when great outcomes are achieved for the community"

"It is now time for me to enjoy other things that life has to offer and allow for a new General Manager to have 12 months to settle into the role before the next Council elections"

"It has been a privilege to be part of a progressive organisation with a team of dedicated and professional staff who do the heavy lifting and make it all happen."

"I thank the four Mayors: Amanda Findley, Jo Gash, Paul Green and Greg Watson and the 16 hardworking Directors who have worked with me over the past 16 years as GM."

Mayor Amanda Findley said "It has been a pleasure to work with Russ over the time that I have been a Councillor and Mayor of Shoalhaven City."

"Russ is a dedicated, passionate and positive GM who is considered and measured in his approach."

"He provides sound advice and has guided our Council and Council staff professionally and with community needs at the forefront of his mind."

"The role of GM is diverse, busy, challenging and needs significant balance. Russ has performed this role exceptionally well over his time with Shoalhaven Council. He will be missed by us all and the 1000+ Council staff at our Council offices and depots throughout the City."

"On behalf of Council I wish him the very best for this well deserved next stage of his life, whatever the future may hold."

\*\* End \*\*

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

From Dennis and Kate Williams, since 2011 we have not given up with our newsletter and just like yourself Russ, we also believe, we have achieved many improvements for our communities and congratulate you on your long term as General Manager and the improvements you have gained for the Shoalhaven.

We look forward to the challenges ahead for Sanctuary Point with the new GM and wish you and your family a long, safe and happy retirement.

### Cop Humour Australia



#### December 17 at 7:42 PM

To the 18 year old kid I stopped on the highway, you're welcome. I'd like to believe that you were minutes away from creating an unspeakable Christmas tragedy when I stopped you. If not only killing yourself, you were well

on your way to killing some innocent person who was minding their own business doing nothing else wrong but being in front of you.

You said you didn't realise how fast you were going. That's a lie. You may not realise when you're doing 60 in a 50 but you are fully aware of every kilometre per hour at 160. You realise it with every bump you hit. You realise it as you pass cars so fast the wind moves your car. You realise it every time you drift over the line and when you move the wheel the car reacts a lot quicker than you're used to. You absolutely realised it.

You were scared when I stopped you. You were visibly shaking and breathing hard. Unfortunately, you were scared one minute too late and for the wrong reason. You should have been scared that you were trying to kill yourself. I know you're invincible. I know that you can't even fathom your own death.

I can tell you dozens of stories of dead and broken 18 year old bodies that I've pulled from cars. Broken bodies that I've found in front yards after crashes. Unrecognisable bodies. They thought they were invincible too. They weren't. They were gone so they missed the part where I had to tell their parents that they were dead. Part of your soul disappears every time you have to tell parents that their kid is dead.

I don't KNOW your parents, but I know them. I know that when you leave every day they say "Be careful. Drive safe." Those aren't just words. That is the very last act of them pleading with you to come home safe. When they get a knock on the door, it's not "Good afternoon ma'am. Your 18 year old son just had a massive heart attack." It's "Can we sit down? Your son has been involved in a very serious crash. I'm so sorry. He's died." When you leave the house they know that, far and away, the best chance you have of dying that day is in that car. Sometimes you're the innocent person hit by someone with no regard for anyone else and sometimes you're the one with no regard for anyone else. Today you were the latter.

You seemed like a really nice kid who made a bad decision. I don't feel bad about this ticket at all. In fact, I'm proud of it. I hope you're paying it off for months and with every payment you think about how it wasn't worth it. I hope you slow down. I hope that when your mum tells you to "drive safe" you make a promise to her, and yourself, that you will. I hope you can envision me sitting in your kitchen telling your screaming mother that you have been killed.

Slow down. Please. You are not invincible. I promise.

# From On The Beat - NSW Police Shoalhaven Crime Prevention



with Senior Constable Anthony Jory

Well, the time has arrived. Here it is, the last On The Beat until Christmas. If you are a fan and have read this column religiously throughout the year you would have

read 35 episodes.

Each episode packed full of good advice and crime prevention tips. Topics that make you aware of the dos and don'ts when it comes to securing your property. Target hardening your home, being aware of your surroundings and staying safe on the roads just to name a few.

Next year will be just as exciting, heaps of episodes jam packed with info and hot tips. Please stay safe over the holiday period and remember that even though you are on holidays, the crooks aren't. They will still be keen on looking for an easy opportunity to take your valuables.

Lock your cars, remove your valuables, don't leave your purse on the shopping trolley, don't leave the car keys in the ignition and the door unlocked (yes it happens), don't leave you phone on the charger at parties, do not assault/intimidate your partner, don't unwrap the Christmas presents and leave the boxes outside for the crooks to see what you got, don't drink too much and don't argue when you are asked to leave a licensed premises.

Do have a merry Christmas; do enjoy yourself and time with your family and friends.

Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

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.

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 Community Service for **Shoalhaven LAC** 

Log on to the NSW Police Web Site for the "Tell us what you want SURVEY!".

SURVEY LOG ON If you think

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

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

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Sussex Inlet Police Station	Sussex Inlet	02 44412665	
Nowra Police Station	Nowra – Main switch	02 44219699	St. Georges Basin
Crime Prevention Officer	Nowra Police Station	02 44219619	Don't forget to log on
Police Assistance Line	PAL	131444	and <u>off</u> with Marine Rescue Sussex Inlet, for the
Police Assistance Line (PAL)	PAL TTY	02 92113776	safety of your life on
Hearing / speech impaired	only		the water. (27 MHz
Crime Stoppers	<b>Crime Stoppers</b>	1800333000	<b>Chn: 88 VHF Chn: 16</b>
NSW POLICE FORCE website address - <u>www.police.nsw.gov.au</u>			Or Telephone: 4441 3555.
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