



*Welcome to my **SANCTUARY
POINT CONCERNED
CITIZEN NEWSLETTER**
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***TIME is a Traveller
and Time marches
On!***

**Dob in a
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You Know
it's Right!**

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

I am including the following information, within my Newsletter, as a **COMMUNITY SERVICE**, instead of a bipartisan agreement between our Local Police Force and the small contribution, that my Newsletter was hoped to contribute.

If you think something is **Wrong**, phone it **In** on the Police Assistance Line
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**

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!**

Time is a valuable resource and not to be abused! When Kate and I started our Newsletter, we had no idea, that our time, would not only be appreciated by the good citizens of **SANCTUARY POINT** ... it would also, be appreciated by those, who are in positions to make changes, for the good of our Town and indeed! Changes have been made to Sanctuary Point and further changes are coming;

- Sanctuary Point entrance signage is in progress ... Thank You!
- Goal Posts will be installed within two weeks, at the entrance to the Sanctuary Point shopping centre, off Paradise Beach Road, to stop heavy vehicles over 4 tonne entering the shoppers car park facilities ... Thank You!
- In 6 weeks, a new bitumen 6 tonne vehicle capacity, customer car park will be laid, to replace the dangerous and un-sightly pot holes that we have endured for too long ... Thank You!
- Graffiti is being challenged and in time CCTV cameras will be used to bring criminal perpetrators to account ... did you know 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 and a chance to experience ... Thank You!
- The shoulder of roadways are being addressed and on going work should show further improvements around Sanctuary Point ... Thank You!
- Shoalhaven Council Meetings are being conducted, in participation with the community of Sanctuary Point and you need to become involved with these meetings ... Thank You!

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So much has been achieved in Sanctuary Point and so many from the bureaucracies, that we often direct our frustrations towards, have heard our call and have initiated, actions to bring about changes to our town, Sanctuary

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Point ... **BUT!** . . . Why would the Woollamia Maintenance

Depot, send a Slasher driver who, obviously does not know our circumstances and let him loose on the entrance to our town. Was it to show the good citizens of Sanctuary Point and Councillor Bob Proudfoot, who I might say, is a Resident of Sanctuary Point also! who, in my opinion, was treated with disrespect from the Ranger and those who believed that the good citizens of our town were out of line! Because they took matters into their own hands and said "ENOUGH" when they showed Council, how we want to see Maintenance of our Villages maintained. Do you really believe the Citizens need to be trained in the safety methods of the Shoalhaven Council Maintenance Procedure ... I leave you with these two photos to make your own judgement?



This is a photo I took at the entrance of Coastal Waters Village, they maintain their entrance, granted they use a ride on mower ... I thought it looks very nice ... But!, if Council have their way, they should be given training, to keep the verges, as Council would like them



And this is how, the untrained citizens of our Villages will be trained to deliver the mess that we at Sanctuary Point have been experiencing for too many years ... this photo was taken on the 24th May 2011 a week after the Council Cut, alongside Coastal Waters Village.

AND! Just in case you had not noticed, the potential danger alongside of the walkway, that is not only used by the wonderful, careful mined citizens of our towns, it is used by, our children who use these walkways, as a safe passage way to their respective schools ... not to mention our loving pets on leach.



These photos were taken, after the Council Slasher came through ... Notice the Telstra Cable pit broken at one end!

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My foot is a size 8 ...
what are your chil-
dren sizes ...

Ouch!

And what about your
pets?



You would never believe me , if I said “that I look for the good in our Town,” it is just so much easier finding the things that are still ... **WRONG!**

WHEN DO WE GET IT RIGHT?

Well! ... It would appear that Mayor Paul Green, has kept his word and in consultation with Alan Blackshaw, who is the Community Development Co-ordinator, who was given the task of meeting with the Concerned Citizens of Sanctuary Point at the St Georges Basin Community Centre on Friday 3rd June 2011 between the hours of 10.00 am. And 1.00 pm.. This was the meeting that Mayor Green said he would organise, after the State Election ... Thank you Mr Mayor MP.

For the POSITIVES ...

- The meeting attracted, about 100 concerned citizens.
- The new Police Area Commander for the Shoalhaven, Superintendent Wayne Murray was in attendance with his Inspector Kevin Henry, who both made themselves, very accessible to their audience and very open and direct with questions and answers ... Superintendent Murray is keen to work for and with the citizens of his command and will be assisting his officers, in the reduction of criminal activities in SANCTUARY POINT and the Shoalhaven at large ... Welcome Sir to your new COMMAND!
- There were three “Think Tanks” set-up and all in attendance split up into groups, that rotated around each of the Tables and contributed ideas, suggestions and thoughts on selected pre-selected categories ;

1. General Matters
2. Police Matters
3. Youth Matters

It was a time that Council and the Community worked together as one! And for a short time, all was good in Sanctuary Point.

- There was a call for the establishment of a Sanctuary Point Community Committee and there were Ten of the citizens attending, who nominated to join the committee, a motion was passed by Alan Blackshaw and was duly passed! ... Congratulations to each of the newly elected members, Kate and I wish you well with your newly formed committee.

For the NEGATIVES ...

- Once again, lack of publication of the meeting, resulted in a small attendance at a gathering, that should have meant so much, to so many of the citizens of Sanctuary Point ... but! They were not there ... Timing! Once again ... Dreadful!
- Kate and I delivered 100 personalised invitations, around Sanctuary Point, at our expense and emailed a further forty supporter’s of our Newsletter. A further email was sent to dignitaries, who have helped to make changes to Sanctuary Point. It was nice to see the two wonderful members of our Federal and State Parliament ... Joanna Gash Federal MP for the electorate of Gilmore and Shelley Hancock State MP for the seat of the South Coast and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, I also saw Councillor Greg Watson arrive, only to return to his car, to collect, a much needed, hand held microphone for the speakers. I was surprised that an Invitation from the organisers, was not sent to Shelley Hancock ... Come on! If we are serious about Crime in our Town ... Wouldn’t you want the South Coast MP, whose Party was given one of the largest mandates to Govern and who built her two-party preferred vote, to 70% at the last election and now takes her place as the elected Speaker of the Legislative Assembly ... to attend and speak at this meeting?? That has to be a big ... Whoops for someone!
- Very few from the business community and our younger citizens, who were at School were not there ... Timing of meetings need to be addressed!

I had a call today, from a nicely spoken gentleman, who said he was shown a copy of my Newsletter at the meeting on the 3rd June ... and he asked me “What am I trying to say?” ... I said to him, that my wife and I believe that our town is a beautiful place to live in and everyone in our town and all of the towns of the Shoalhaven, deserves to live in Pride and Dignity and that, the services given by our Council, should reflect that Pride and as my wife will say “If it looks like a Dump, it will be treated as a Dump,” we may very well say “we will not live in fear!” But! We will only take so much, of the mess from our bureaucracies, before we will really seriously, consider vacating from a town, that our Council has simply forgotten.

The Gentleman said ... “We believe in that! I have just had major surgery, and need to go to Sydney for some follow up, But! When I am better, you can call on me for support, when you need it”! ... What a wonderful place to live, what a great place to call HOME! But most of all ... **What Magnificent people, we have in our Town.**

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**This is our Town! It is our Pride and Dignity!
And you are welcome to visit Anytime!**



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

