



*Welcome to my **SANCTUARY
POINT CONCERNED
CITIZEN NEWSLETTER**
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If you are a Resident, Owner, Tennant, Employee, or a visitor to our town, may I, as a permanent resident say THANK YOU for the wonderful support and encouragement that so many of you! have given us on our first issue in February 2011.

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Firstly, when you read this current issue and if you would like a copy of the first issue, 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 the first issue. Telephone: 02 4443 3394

Secondly, my wife and I are not doing this for selfish, political, or vindictive reasons. As I said in the first issue, I am but a small splinter in our town and we simply want our town to return to the beautiful Sanctuary it once was and restore the Pride and Dignity we rightly deserve ... is that asking too much?

I am pleased to say that I have been given very positive and supportive assurances from Councillor Watson, Fergusson, Proudfoot and Miller who all agree with the issues recorded in our first issue of the Sanctuary Point Concerned Citizen Newsletter and say they are trying to do what they can to make changes ... your constituents are watching, waiting and trusting that you will make those changes to our town.

Did you notice Shoalhaven Council Maintenance Department finally cutting the grass to the approach to Sanctuary Point on the 17th February 2011 ... well! if I cut my grass like that, I can assure you, I would be looking at a divorce, and you know what! I would deserve it. Come on! you have a great tractor, surely it can do better than that and where is the follow up slashing around the poles, posts, drains and river crossings.



The above pictures are not what it looked like before the cutting of the grass ... these were taken on the 20th February 2011 three days after the cutting ... a herd of cows could graze for days on the left over high grass ... we don't want a long paddock ... we just want it looking nice.



Another photo after the cutting on the 17th February 2011 ... the sign says Dogs on Leash ... who wouldn't have their dog on a leash ... if they went into this bush, you probably wouldn't see them again.



This is a drain along the cycle way ... all of the drains seem to have been left in this state, all along the cycle / walk ways.

I thought grass cutting, like! what is being done in Huskisson (Voyager Park) and Vincentia (Moona Moona Creek) would have been done in Sanctuary Point (Cockrow Creek) and along the walk ways, instead, all we got was a hacked up hatchet job of unsightly high grass left around the many posts and poles along the walk way ... what a great way to once again aggravate the residents of this Jewel of the St Georges Basin and to create another reason why our Shoalhaven Council has again let down their constituents and portray this town as the UN-TIDY village of our Coastal Towns. Tell me! whose Curse do we have to endure?

WELCOME to Sanctuary Point



WELCOME to Vincentia



Even the Signage on the approaches seems disproportionate

It would appear that! what ever Maintenance Department looks after the Signage around our town, has lost interest, when does someone take a look at what needs an overhaul?



This sign is a safety warning that should display;

**DANGER
KEEP OFF
PIPELINE**

It is in the same condition at both end of the Bridge at Cockrow Creek ... Seriously! does anyone give a damn anymore?

This is a view of Cockrow Creek bridge after the grass cutting, it would seem that the Maintenance Department has decided to Poison the grass alongside of the roadway, apart from the slow ugly look of the dying grass over a long period, is there any hazard, with our children, residents walking their animals, and the wildlife that abounds in our town, coming in contact with the Poison?



My rating of Councils Action to Help Us! since my first February 2011 Newsletter issue.

Graffiti, rampant and unchecked — Points out of 10 = 3 (some clean up, some more added).

Pot holes in Shoppers Parking at Sanctuary Point Shops — Points out of 10 = 2 (I believe there is talk that Council will check its legal right, to make Owners, take responsibility to keep their property safe for the public ... if that's not asking too much).

Lack of Maintenance of Access to and around Sanctuary Point—Roads, cycle/walk ways, Cockrow Creek Bridge crossing, Drains, poles and Posts, gutters and at intersecting roads and where Council leave their pipes and concrete grates. — Points out of 10 = -3 (Perhaps! who ever does Council Maintenance of the items listed, should go back to their drawing board, wipe it clean and start all over again).

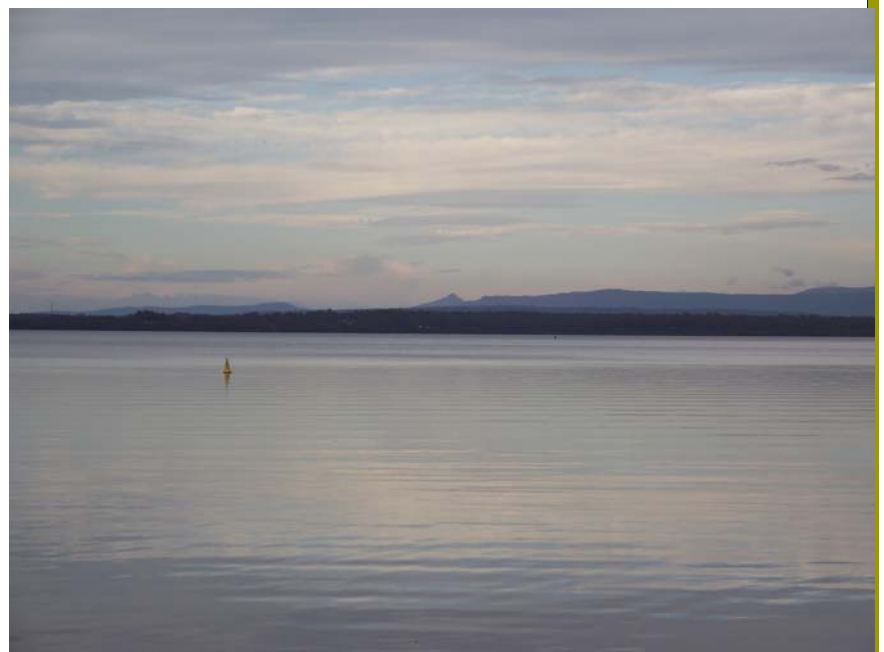


BUT!
It's not all bad in our town ...
This is the John Williams Reserve boat ramp at Sanctuary Point, in the early morning, where the many anglers and recreational boats are launched.

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)

Then when you're on the water
This is the SANCTUARY that will be yours for the day ...
But! Please remember to keep it this way for the next person ... It just might be you again!

Photo taken 7.58 am.



My SAY!

There were three hundred (300) copies of my first Newsletter printed and distributed around Sanctuary Point. A further e-mail with a covering letter and my Newsletter was sent to Mrs Joanna Gash MP Federal Parliament, Mrs Shelley Hancock MP State Parliament, Clr. Paul Green Shoalhaven City Mayor and our eight (8) Councillors, Sanctuary Point's boundary is split between Ward 2 and Ward 3. Although! I did not receive a reply from all of the recipients of my email, I did receive a reply from both, Federal and State Members of Parliament and four of the Ward 2 and 3 Councillors, Watson, Proudfoot, Miller and Fergusson with their promising assurances, that they would try to make changes for our town Sanctuary Point. (I had no reply from the Mayor and four of the Councillors) That's OK, they are probably very busy on more important matters ... Thank you for those who did reply, I will rely twice as much on YOU!

My Wife and I distributed a copy of the first issue, in the early morning of Friday 18th February 2011 to every business establishment we could find in Sanctuary Point, if we could not deliver by hand, it went under their door or in some appropriate location they could easily see when they opened up their business. The remaining copies were scattered around the residents of Sanctuary Point.

I approached the Huskisson Police Station on Monday 21st February 2011 and gave two copies of my February 2011 Newsletter to a Senior Constable. Having heard that her Officer in charge, Sergeant Wes Hanrahan, had been admitted to St George Hospital in Sydney, for surgery on his already, hazards of the job, scarred face. I heard later that a further 14 stitches have been inserted in his face ... may I say! very respectfully, to a dedicated, brave Policeman ... I salute you and wish you a speedy recovery from the dog attack and the injuries that you received.

Please! help our Police to clean up our town ... if you think something is WRONG phone it IN it will be listed as an incident and that is another statistic. If we want more Police we need more statistics, it's as simple as that ... help our Police, to be given the peoplepower to do the JOB.

I am pleased to say we have received overwhelming support from our community and from the numerous phone calls that I have received, we do love our town and we want the attention of those, who are in positions that have the expertise, the knowledge and the funds to put things right ... who said it has to be the squeaky gate that gets the oil (attention), why not simply address the problems that you must know are here and you will eliminate the squeaky gate before it becomes a problem ... would that not be a cost saving in the long term?

When I compose these Newsletters, you would wonder why I delete so many words that I write, it is so very hard to be non political and at times, I feel like delving into much more than what is said in this Newsletter, I also have other thoughts, other concerns and other ideas ... but! at the moment I will be non political and trust in those that have said they are on my side and will help to put things right in SANCTUARY POINT I can ask for no more, but trust them in their integrity, to help us to put things right, there are too many of your constituents that are believing that you are sincere ... please ... don't let us down.

You know and they know, that NONE of my concerns have been fully addressed ... and that means! I know also ... but! I know, that these issues take time to resolve and depending on the wisdom and the capabilities of those addressing these issues, it may take some time ... to me! time is precious and if they who can make a change, waste that time, they deserve the contempt of a town, that they bring shame upon.

**We are not the Macquarie Fields of Sydney
WE are SANCTUARY POINT
of the SHOALHAVEN and we reclaim our
Pride and Dignity!**