

# Welcome to my SANCTUARY POINT CONCERNED CITIZEN NEWSLETTER March 2012 Vol. 014

Where was the business community? when they were needed at the Business Development Meeting!



Editor: Dennis Williams 3 Ridgelands Drive Sanctuary Point Telephone: 02 4443 3394 Dob in a Wrong! ... 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

Who am I to feel disappointed in the Sanctuary Point Business Community and to criticize the business owners and managers of our shopping fraternity, for their dismal united stand to listen to the propositions, which were well presented and put forward by our Shoalhaven City Council and their invited guest from the Shoalhaven Business Chamber, on Wednesday the 22nd February 2012 at a time of 6.00 pm. to allow for the business owners and managers to attend after hours, or to send a representative to attend for them.

Who am I? ... I am a local resident of Sanctuary Point and one of your CUStomers, who in most well established business establishments, would be considered to be recognised as "Your Boss!" If you consider that without customers, your business would not survive! ... So, would I not determine your survival?

I considered this meeting to be an important business initiative by Shoalhaven Council and truly believed that our business community would have, just this time, considered a united business front, over the unethical and dismal response that the Sanctuary Point business community, felt so un-obliged, to represent the decent citizens of our village, who were so poorly represented by the business community, that all they could muster for the Business Development—Sanctuary Point Meeting was three (3) although, I would consider the calibre of their business accruements, to be that of leaders, who the rest of the business community should attempt to emulate. The three from your fraternity who did attend ... were none other than your business colleagues;

## Tim Verkroost — Proprietor & Business Owner of Jimbo's Auto & Mower Parts & Accessories

# Keith Robinson — Branch Manager of the Sanctuary Point & Districts Community Bank.

Veronica Husted — Director of Bay & Basin Community Financial Services Limited, the Franchisee of the Bendigo Community Bank.

These three did you proud! And they came away with the knowledge, that you all have missed out on!



Much talk is being made of the Woolworth Shopping Development at the corner of Jervis Bay Road and the Wool Road Vincentia. Much talk has been made for decades, as to what will be developed there, well! The development has started and as a community interest, I have taken the opportunity to list what I believe to be the latest development as from the meeting I attended, which had been arranged by the Vincentia Ratepayers and Residents Association and which should be of interest to both the Business and Residents of Sanctuary Point who could not attend the meeting.

Meeting: Thursday 16th February 2012 ... commenced at 7.30 pm. Location: Vincentia Community Hall ... southern end of the Bilo car park.

#### Purpose: Woolworth's at the Crossroads ... a representation from Woolworth will explain the development.

This meeting was well attended – Building packed to capacity and many more listening outside, from speakers located towards the outside of building. Speaker – Patrick Hall of Woolworth Jan 2009 approved by state Government. Woolworth purchased from Stocklands in June 2009 30,000 people in the catchment 7500 sgm full size Big W – same as Dapto & Shellharbour 4200 sgm Full line Woolworth supermarket 1450 sqm Aldi 5500 sqm Specialty Shops (45 stores) Parking for 950 cars \$60 Mio in Construction (does not include indirect spending in local area) 3 times the size of Bilo Aboriginal Land council spent 3 days on site – nothing to report **Building in Bush design** Community area, Natural lighting, solar panels, LED Lights Water Quality Treatment High Ceiling 7.5 mtr with exposed interior beams Up to best practice design Dec 2011 – Feb 2012 Site clearing Mar – Apr 2012 Detail Design Mid April 2012 – Start Building – Contractors on site – earthworks / Building works – 14 months – road work to commence. Dec 2012 – Jan 2013 – Training Local retails have not been approached - some retailers have come forward. Woolworth Happy to put in a Library, but, Council not yet approved the Woolworth's commercial proposition of occupancy – John Ferguson Possible 500 local jobs No Masters store has been discussed for Vincentia (Bunnings type of store) Stage 1 has been cleared Stage 2 has been cleared for re landscaping only – Library if Council ac-Dob in a cepts terms. Wrong ... You now Disposal of rubbish – Recycling plans will be in place – Woolworth pays it's Right! for Dumping of rubbish. Mayor Paul Green – Finds Woolworth to be Commercial, but need them to create Jobs for our kids and other workers. - They listen and are helpful - Mayor Green believes Police should be in Vincentia along with other Emergency services as a central location for the Bay & Basin – Refer Parsons Police Report for police numbers when released.

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## Recent photos taken on the 1st March 2012 at the Corner of MacGibbon Parade and Fitzpatrick Street, Old Erowal Bay.

This issue was brought to the attention of Council in December 2011 and again in January 2012. The exposed drainage pit is located adjacent to a residential home, where a family of eight children are now living, after the home was recently purchased from the previous residents, who had waited long enough for Council to fix their potentially dangerous exposed drainage trough. It shows a blatant lack of concern by our Council, as it clearly shows no rail or guarding to prevent someone falling, or driving into the pit. As you can plainly see, the drain is doing the job Council wanted the drain to do, that is to remove all of the filth and pollutants from the drainage system around Old Erowal Bay and after the water dries out, I should imagine all sort of bacteria and disease could remain throughout the full length of the trough and if this tree falls over (check out the exposed root system) I would be concerned where it might end up! If these photos don't start some bells ringing, someone should look and listen to the video I also took on this day.

Hey! It's not in my backyard ... but! I do feel some concern for the family, who must constantly live alongside this exposed safety hazard!

## Frances Ryan Reserve—Sanctuary Point



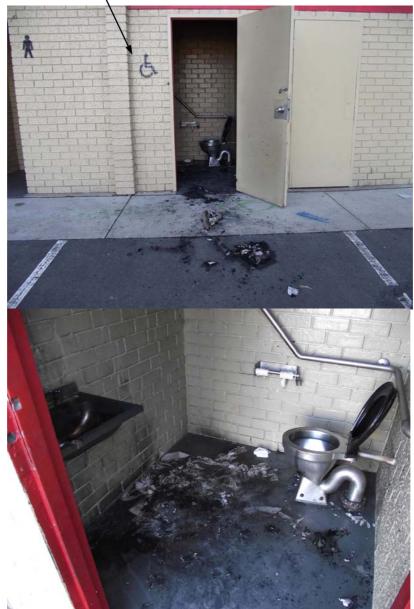
One of the many Parks and Amenities blocks maintained by Shoalhaven Council and used by the Local and Visiting community for recreational and convenience purposes.

The Frances Ryan Reserve is located in Sanctuary Point and apart from being used by able body persons, adults and children, it is also a convenience for disabled persons, adults and children and is often identified with the symbol shown at the left of this text. It represents a disabled person and is depicted by a person confined to a wheel chair who has the loss of their full mobility, that an able body person, usually takes for granted.

So can someone tell me, what sort of pleasure does a twisted minded and likely disturbed minded person, child

or adult, get out of being so in tolerate, to inflict the vandalism and utter contempt towards the disabled, as they inflicted on the Disabled Toilet at Frances Ryan Reserve, perhaps when the person/persons are caught, they are relegated to the confines of a wheelchair for six months, as a sentence, through our Judiciary system of course!

When do we accept that we do have criminal behaviour in our village and good lighting with CCTV and a proper Police presence, or the early contact with local police, is available when good citizens of Sanctuary Point, phone our local police precinct usually late at night or early morning.





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



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!

### 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!

### 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.

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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 <u>on</u> and <u>off</u> 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