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**SANCTUARY POINT A
CONCERNED
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<http://sanctuarypointaconcernedcitizensnewsletter.com>



Sometimes being Negative can be very Positive!
(I believe this is one of those times!)



Pic 1 Christmas 2013

Palm Beach Sanctuary Point, after a group of 22 concerned citizens from Sanctuary Point, in November 2013 cleaned up the rotting waste on the only swimming beach in Sanctuary Point.

Pic 2 Christmas 2014

Palm Beach Sanctuary Point, after Shoalhaven Council and NSW Fisheries left the rotting waste for the Locals and Tourists to enjoy in December 2014.





An authority on words, far greater than I could ever wish to be, has the following definition for **Commemorate: Verb (transitive)** honour or keep alive the memory of.

Synonyms: = celebrate, remember, honour, recognize, salute, pay tribute to, immortalize, memorialize, observe, keep or solemnize. The authority I speak of is the... Collins English Dictionary.



Then why has the Ray Brooks Reserve and Palm Beach Sanctuary Point been left to denigrate (To attack the character or reputation of,) the place we call home and where we try to maintain pride and dignity for everyone, who decides to call Sanctuary Point their home or those who visit our coastal village?

And how must the volunteers wonder, who gave their time freely without payment, when they see how those who are employed and paid to maintain the Assets of Local and State Governments, leave our Beach and Reserve in such a state!

The Reserve can be maintained by Council, as the photos below show Before at Xmas 2014 and After at February 2015. Then when will the NSW State Government, through the Dept of Fisheries, make safe... OUR PALM BEACH within the WHS Regulations Act 2011? (S representing SAFETY).

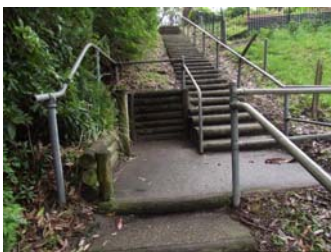
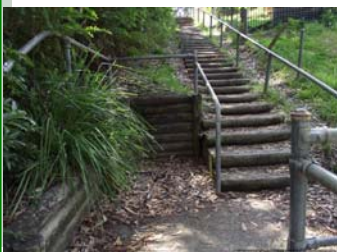
In response to a letter dated 3rd February 2015 sent to council from a local Sanctuary Point resident, who copied me into it, some improvement has been started... But a lot more needs to be done, before the concerned citizens of Sanctuary Point can have pride in our beach we call PALM BEACH!

Before

After

Before

After



IMPORTANT NOTICE
From
SHOALHAVEN LAC– NSW POLICE
FORCE



[Shoalhaven LAC - NSW Police Force](#)

[February 23 at 5:23pm](#)

Your opportunity to have a say about policing in the Bay and Basin area

Shoalhaven police are extending an invitation to members of the Bay and Basin community to attend a meeting to discuss crime and community safety issues in their local area.

The second 'The Bay and Basin – Policing Our Community' meeting is being held from 6.00pm to 8.00pm on Monday 16 March, 2015 in the auditorium of the St Georges Basin Country Club, Sanctuary Point.

The forum, being run by Shoalhaven police will present to community members a snapshot of crime and policing activities occurring within their area. The forum will also provide an opportunity for the community to talk about and work forward with their local police in addressing policing concerns they may have.

The meeting will be run by Local Area Commander, Superintendent Joe Cassar who will be accompanied by key command officers.

Police are encouraging the local community to attend this meeting so that they can have their say about and also get involved in working together in reducing crime and enhancing safety in the Bay and Basin area.

Know this number and when you see
a maintenance or graffiti problem in the
Shoalhaven... Get on the telephone and make the call
(02) 4429 3506



Sanctuary Point A Concerned Citizens Newsletter



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

Web Site

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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 access to the internet... Log into my Web Site at

<http://sanctuarypointaconcernedcitizensnewsletter.com>

for past and current issues - Dennis.

Mental Health in March

Bay and Basin

Crystal Meth (Ice) information and awareness fundraiser.



Crystal methamphetamine (ice) has effected much of our community. Please help raise funds for a rehabilitation facility in our local area.

Families and friends of addicts, local residents and educators are most welcome.

\$25 per head includes: band entertainment by Gordon Navara and the Fuse. Light snacks provided by Country Club Cafe. Raffles, lucky door prize and auctions.

Where: St Georges Basin Country Club (upstairs)

Date: Saturday, 7 March 2015

Time: 6.30 - 11.00 pm

Guest speakers include: Speakers and information from Drug and Dementia, Drug and Alcohol and South Coast Corrective Services, as well as Labor. Liberal and Greens representatives.

Tickets on sale at the St Georges Basin Country Club

Vincentia> Opportunities exist for:



- **Chemist**
- **Newsagency**
- **Bakery**
- **Patisserie**
- **Butcher**
- **Hair and beauty**
- **Coffee**
- **Fast Food**
- **Restaurant**
- **Discount Operator**
- **Fashion**
- **Homewares**

The photos below were taken on the 27th February 2015 and they bear testimony of the commencement by Hutchinson Builders, who are clearing the ground cover to get ready for the ground cutting on the 6th March 2015, weather permitting and from which the new Woolworths Vincentia Shopping Centre will graciously rise, to provide shopping facilities and local employment for the Bay & Basin.

It was pleasing to hear that 50% of the present construction workers have been sourced from local labour and completion is on target for Christmas 2015.



For all Enquiries or to REPORT A LEAK
Phone 4429 3214



www.shoalwater.nsw.gov.au

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Graham French, an Extraordinary Bloke and Journalist, who professionally and



with great care and understanding for the dignity of others, has left our airways for awhile, on the 20th February 2015, to... Let's say he is recharging his batteries, from the late nights devotion he gave to ensure his broadcasts were ready for the early morning broadcasts.

Graham had been with Nowra 2ST Radio Station, as the head news compare for over 30 years and he will be missed by all who had the pleasure to hear or meet the man himself!

Like the old puffing billies that you are so fond of, you remind me of their capacity to attract attention and relentlessly arrive at their destinations, where they need to be at the right time. They have the fire in their belly and the power to push them on and always come back for more...

Graham French, you have done much for others... It is now your time to stop awhile and smell the roses, with those who love you most!

It is too late for our Shoalhaven Icon, which is known by all of us in the Shoalhaven as the Shoalhaven Paper Mill

But before the Paper Mill has gone like so many of our Australian Icons , let me leave you with these few words... For you to think about and wonder if more could have been done to

SAVE THE SHOALHAVEN PAPER MILL Dennis & Kate Williams



Photo: Jennifer Soo

Paper and clothing manufacturers are complaining bitterly about the flood of cheap imports and calling for the Abbott government to have the political courage to "buy Australian" even as it slashes the budget. To pressure the government to give local businesses a fairer go when bidding for government contracts, they raise the spectre of shoddy products being made in overseas sweatshops and the possibility of Australian soldiers wearing foreign-made uniforms.

The complaints are being made to a parliamentary inquiry into government procurement which called for submissions by December 31. The federal government is the largest user of office and printing paper in the nation but buys 55 per cent of its copy paper from overseas due to guidelines demanding value for money. The inquiry has been told the government spends about \$100 million a year on tissue paper alone. However Australian Paper, which makes the Reflex brand, said the government would reap more tax revenue from the company - which paid \$432 million in 2012 - by buying local, but procurement rules ignored this factor.

"[This is] value that we feel can't, but is, being ignored by the government's procurement decisions," the company's general manager, Julian Mathers, said in his submission. The procurement rules should favour his company's products which generate jobs and have strict environmental standards. "However, the reality is quite different," he said, pointing to imports of foreign paper. "Regardless of the cause, there is a clear solution and, unlike the automotive industry, this does not require ongoing hand-outs from the government. "Australian Paper recommends that the Commonwealth government more broadly assess and enforce recognition of the economic, social and environmental values of all aspects of the government's paper and printing services procurement decisions."

The company acknowledges local paper manufacturing must be competitive with imports, allowed under Australia's international trade agreements. However the concept of value for money is being applied too narrowly under the procurement guidelines, it says. The Australian Forest Products Association says the federal government each year buys:

- approximately 6500 tonnes of copy paper;
- an estimated 50,000 to 60,000 tonnes of paper used for external printing, such as publications, pamphlets, forms, brochures and envelopes; and
- about \$100 million of tissue paper.

The Council of Textile and Fashion Industries of Australia said the government must recognise the nation's international supply channels could be disrupted. "There is a risk that we spend a lot of money developing capability in Australia and then it loses out to a price and quality inferior item from overseas," the council's submission says. Chief executive officer Richard Evans said on Friday that the government should introduce legislation similar to laws in the United States specifying the military had to use local manufacturers regardless of the cost.

The Australian Industry Group warned that the slowing economy meant the federal government should support local businesses instead of penny pinching. "The government should avoid implementing short-term or narrowly considered savings measures or purchasing policies that may unfairly disadvantage local suppliers," it said. However the Finance Department, which oversees public service procurement, said in its submission to the inquiry its priority was value for taxpayers.

The government had bought about 93 per cent of services from Australian suppliers worth \$60.2 billion over the last three financial years. About 60 per cent of goods were bought from Australian suppliers, totalling \$28.7 billion. The inquiry's terms of reference do not refer specifically to campaigns to buy Australian goods but include the "current ratio of Australian goods and services versus imported goods and services utilised by the Commonwealth through procurement procedures".

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Article continued over the page

The Article on page 7 was written by a far knowledgeable man than I and I respectfully give him full credit for his understanding and foresight of trying to keep Australian Manufacture on a fair and proper playing field, which includes the Australian Quality that we are so renown for.

Let me introduce you to the author of the previous words on page 7

Government buying cheap imports, manufacturers complain

Date January 4, 2014



Ross Peake

Senior reporter for The Canberra Times

I just wonder, if more people thought like Ross Peake back in January 2014, could have made a difference? Probably not! Those who should have been listening, probably still have their heads buried in the sand. But I thank you Ross Peake, you gave it your best shot... Too bad Australia was not listening!

When I retired from the Mill in April 2006 I sent the following email as a

To those who know I care and those who care I know.... friends, workmates lend me a moment.

We are all destined to other places, some just move on a little slower. I will be leaving on the 7th April 2006.... another place, another plane, another adventure. When I take time out to look back through my working past I have the images of many wonderful and exciting markets of business that I have worked in, of which part of those memories will be the 17 years I shared with the Paper Mill in Pulp and Paper, and within those businesses I will recall the workmates of years gone by, the ones I know who always cared.

Most of my places of business was in the City of Sydney where jobs were plentiful, unlike the smaller regional towns, like Nowra, where in many cases a person will work an entire life time with the one company, giving loyalty over many years, believing that the security in the larger well established local companies are in the very capable hands of the very best of corporate management. Over the years we have experienced many changes in our management styles, all of who, I am sure tried their very best to grow and improve the business in a very volatile and always competitive environment.

In leaving the company, that I have known over the past 17 years, I will take with me a wealth of good and not so good memories, the jubilation of the things that were done well, and the disasters that contributed to the down sizing of this once great site belonging to the parent company of what I believe to be of great International standard.

To the future management and staff of the Paper Mill I sincerely wish all of you well in your future endeavours of making a go to prolong the longevity of this great historical land mark in the Shoalhaven, and keep on producing fine paper from Australian Paper at the Shoalhaven Paper Mill.

To all of my friends, thanks for the memories and for being part of my family for a short while, for being able to ask you for advice, and get it! For being able to give you advice and you receiving it! For the training I have received, for the training I have given, for the smart comments we gave and received, for the problems and challengers we solved, for the laughs and the tears we have experienced over the years, for the losses of great comrades and the meeting of trusting friends and new comrades, for the birth of your children and grand children, for the many wonderful memories that we know as friends... but most of all, for making this past 17 years an experience that I will not forget.

Love you all.....This is Dennis O. Williams

blanketed email to all of the employees who were at the mill at the time of my departure...

I believe that over the years, this email has become even more appropriate and I very most respectfully, include it in this newsletter as a final farewell to a Great Australian Icon and the many Wonderful employees, who also gave it their very best shot!

Signing Off!

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The Sanctuary Point Men's Shed

can be contacted by calling

President : Colin Loudon on: 4447 8634

or going on line at

www.sanctuarypointmenshed.org

To view their wonderful Carpentry and Wrought Ironwork, you can call into the **SANCTUARY POINT MEN'S SHED** at **20A WOOLAMAI ROAD, FALLS CREEK NSW** (Short distant in from Jervis Bay Road.)... **Hours of Business:**

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 0900-1600 (9-4)

The Men's Shed is all about men, doing what men do best together... Helping each other, to talk and work together, as they live life to the fullest!

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4447 8634

The Sanctuary Point Men's Shed is a Fully Incorporated Registered Charity and they need your support... All donations over \$2.00 made to SPMS are Tax Deductible.

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SHOALHAVEN NEWS



epic fundraiser Dick Manwarring.

The ultrasound will assist finding veins more easily in the arms of cancer patients during treatment and will be able to detect the location of fluid in stomachs.

South Coast MP Shelley Hancock joined Mr Manwarring at the handover who says the machine will make a big difference to patient care as they will no longer have to travel distances to find the causes of issues.

Patient care has been enhanced today, with the official handing over of a new ultrasound machine for the Shoalhaven Cancer Care Centre this morning (WED 25/2).

The machine has been purchased with \$21 thousand dollars raised by the Bay and Basin Cancer Support Group and \$16 thousand raised by

I was unable to attend the official handing over of the Ultrasound machine on the 25th February 2015.

With compliments to the coverage of 2ST Shoalhaven News, I have included their coverage of the event.



Shoalhaven City Brand launched

26 February 2015

As part of today's launch, the City Brand team is calling for local community groups to submit their ideas to help bring the Shoalhaven brand to life as part of the 'This is Shoalhaven' project.

The City Brand Team has made \$10,000 available to help make the ideas a reality with maximum funding to any one project being \$5000.

You are encouraged to log into the following web site for further information, on how you can share in the funding available! www.brandshoalhaven.com.au.

NSW State Election - 28 March 2015

Information about the NSW Electoral Commission or the general administration and conduct of elections can be found on our [main site](#).

In this election 93 candidates for the Legislative Assembly will be elected, and in the Legislative Council, 21 of the 42 seats will be contested. This election was preceded by an electoral redistribution which has meant that district boundaries have altered.

[Check your enrolment](#)

NEW

From On the Beat – NSW Police Crime Prevention



Who has a Kayak?

I never mastered the thing and I spent more time wobbling than paddling. It seems to be a great way to get about on our beautiful waterways for a spot of fishing or even Bird watching. But there have been problems recently. A few Kayaks have been stolen within the Shoalhaven area along with other items. This leads me in to talk about marking your property. Kayaks for example are quite costly and are quite large so you may not have room in the shed or the house to store them. Therefore they may end up in the back yard or the side of the house, located by the crooks and stolen.

To a lay person, all kayaks seem to look alike and it would be extremely hard for a Police Officer to distinguish the difference between a stolen Kayak and a legitimate one, therefore marking your property would be very helpful. Any property that you are not prepared to lose should be marked. You can put your drivers licence number, name or serial number on the item which can give Police the ability to locate you if your property is located. There will be an opportunity in the future to attend a location in your area with your property and have it engraved or indelibly marked, I will advise of the times and places at a later date.

I did a couple of night shifts last week and besides finding out that staying up all night makes me tired, I did discover that people are still leaving property on their front lawns over night and vehicles unlocked. A number of my little Blue Reminder Pamphlets were put into letter boxes just to remind People that they have an obligation to secure their property to reduce the risk of becoming a victim.

On Tuesday the 13th of January, Police went to the Vincentia Shops for a Community engagement which was well attended by locals and tourists. It was an opportunity for the general public to have a chat with local Police including high ranking Officers about anything and everything. Whilst there, I did notice that there were about 15 bikes at the bike rack which were unchained and had a potential of being stolen, (After we had gone of course).

Firearms: During the holiday season most people are thinking of sun sand and surf. Lately I've been thinking about, gum boots mud and rain. However those of us that have firearms should spare a thought for the security of their firearms. It is up to the Firearms Licence Holder to maintain reasonable control over their firearms even when they are away. If you are leaving your home empty for a prolonged time, consider a secure facility to store you firearms. Remember there are penalties for failing to store firearms properly.

Anyways, that's it for this month.

As always, in case of emergency, call (000)

Non Emergencies contact Police Link on 131444 or your local Police

To provide anonymous information call crime stoppers on 1800 333 000

Domestic and Family Violence Info visit www.police.nsw.gov.au

Shoalhaven Domestic Violence Officers. 44219666 or 44219665

Email shoaldvlo@police.nsw.gov.au

Don't forget. Cops are tops.

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

Future Police & Community Engagement Visits <i>Unless emergency response elsewhere</i>	Date 05 03 15	Time 10.00 am	Location Vincentia Shopping Centre
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Help them to help us! Phone it in when you know it is wrong!

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Shoalhaven Local Area Command Police Telephone Contact List In the case of an Emergency Phone : 000		
Position	Location	Phone Number
Huskisson Police Station	Huskisson	02 44415779
Sussex Inlet Police Station	Sussex Inlet	02 44412665
Nowra Police Station	Nowra – Main switch	02 44219699
Nowra Duty Officer	Nowra Police Station	02 44219689
Detectives Office	Nowra Police Station	02 44219629
Prosecutor	Nowra Police Station	02 44219685
Forensic Services	Nowra Police Station	0244219635
Shoalhaven Traffic Command (Highway Patrol)	Nowra Police Station	02 44219616
Youth Liaison Officer (YLO)	Nowra Police Station	02 44219626
Licensing Officer	Nowra Police Station	02 44219615
Domestic Violence Liaison Officer (DVLO)	Nowra Police Station	02 44219666
Crime Prevention Officer (CPO)	Nowra Police Station	02 44219619
Police Assistance Line (PAL)	PAL	131444
Police Assistance Line (PAL) <i>Hearing /speech impaired only</i>	PAL TTY	02 92113776
Crime Stoppers	Crime Stoppers	1800333000
NSW Police Force website address - www.police.nsw.gov.au		
Shoalhaven LAC Facebook Page - https://www.facebook.com/ShoalhavenLac		

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)

Or Telephone: 4441 3555.



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SUSSEX INLET

If you think something is Wrong... contact your Local Police Station.

Or ... HELP THEM! ... HELP US! ... PHONE IT IN!

POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE... 131 444 For reporting of non urgent matters, 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 area.

EMERGENCY ... 000 and ask for Police. For Life Threatening or Immediate Attention Required.

CRIME STOPPERS ... 1800 333 000 Anonymous Information.

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!