



*Welcome to my **SANCTUARY  
POINT CONCERNED  
CITIZEN NEWSLETTER**  
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*Questions have  
been asked and  
Replies have been  
received!*

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## The year of getting things done!

A joint project between the South Coast Register and Dennis Williams, the Editor of the Sanctuary Point Concerned Citizen Newsletter, was commenced on the 1st March 2013 and Damian McGill from the South Coast Register, has been hot on the trail, in search of answers.

Although we all know that there are numerous issues to be addressed in Sanctuary Point, we have listed five issues and Mr McGill has addressed each of them in the only way he knows how, very Professionally!

The five issues that we covered were;

**Law and Order.**

**Job Creation Schemes.**

**Local Roads.**

**Security Cameras.**

**Not Maintaining Private Vacant Blocks.**



All of these issues were reported in the bay and basin **extra** section of the Friday issues of the South Coast Register, March the 1st, March the 8th, March the 16th, March the 22nd and April the 5th. On behalf of all of the concerned citizens of Sanctuary Point, I congratulate Mr Damian McGill and the South Coast Register, for once again doing what they do best! Reporting the issues that impact on the lives of all of us, who live, work and play in all of the wonderful communities of the Shoalhaven and beyond! Thank you Damian, Thank you South Coast Register! And thank you bay and basin **extra** every Friday in the South Coast Register.

Further to the South Coast Register reporting on the above issues, Mr McGill put a number of questions to the South Coast State Member of Parliament the Hon. Shelley Hancock MP and Clr. Joanna Gash, Mayor - Shoalhaven City Council on each of the five issues reported on and I am pleased to be able to thank Shelly Hancock MP and Joanna Gash - Mayor Shoalhaven City Council, in their bipartisan contributions to our joint project on these five Sanctuary Point issues!

With permission given to extract the replies received by and reported by Mr Damian McGill in the South Coast register on Friday 18th April 2013 I am pleased to be able to include them in my newsletter May 2013.

The following extracts from the South Coast bay & basin Extra concludes our joint project with the South Coast Register. On this page and page 4 and 5.

I have included the questions put by Damian McGill and the replies received from both Joanna Gash and Shelley Hancock,

Thank you Ladies for keeping the Communication Line open!

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## Police station a top priority

THE need for a fully-staffed 24-hour police station in Sanctuary Point has been hotly debated for many years.

There has been lots of talk but no action.

Editor of the Sanctuary Point Concerned Residents Newsletter, Dennis Williams, is one of the many local residents who has consistently called to get some much needed changes and improvements for the area.

He wants more police in Sanctuary Point.

Mr Williams recently linked with the South Coast Register for a 'get something done for Sanctuary Point project'.

As part of the project federal member for Gilmore and now Mayor of Shoalhaven city, councillor Joanna Gash and state member for the South Coast Shelley Hancock were both sent a list of questions.

Their responses appear today, but the South Coast Register acknowledges that both Mrs Gash and Mrs Hancock had worked hard to get things done for Sanctuary Point for many years.

This is what they said when asked: "what are you going to do to get a 24/7 police station located at

Sanctuary Point?"

"Whether a police station is to be established in the Sanctuary Point area has always been a matter for the state government. This is still the case today," Mrs Gash said.

"Even as the federal member, I long advocated for a greater police presence in the Bay and Basin area.

"In fact, in the 2007 election campaign, I sought and obtained an undertaking from the coalition that, if re-elected, funding would be made available to subsidise the construction of a police station at Sanctuary Point.

"Events show this did not happen but I have long appreciated widely expressed community concerns about law and order in the area. That is why I am working closely with the Liberal candidate for Gilmore, Ann Sudmalis, in an effort to secure funding for CCTV cameras.

"As mayor, I will continue to work with all levels of government towards improving the delivery of all services, including police representation.

"A police station at Sanctuary Point remains firmly on my agenda," Mrs Gash concluded.

Mrs Hancock will also work hard to get the station.

"This construction of an additional police station in the Bay and Basin region remains my top priority," Mrs Hancock said.

"I have continued to make representations to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services highlighting the need for additional resources for the Shoalhaven Local Area Command.

"Since the March 2011 election, the NSW Government has increased police numbers within the Shoalhaven Local Area Command by seven probationary constables, as well as increases in detectives and a boost to our authorised strength and we will continue to see these numbers grow.

"Additional resources such as a Mobile Local Area Command and Crime Prevention Van also bolster the command's presence across the Shoalhaven, particularly in the Sanctuary Point region.

"The NSW Government has also implemented a dedicated Traffic and Highway Patrol Command with additional Highway Patrol officers and new vehicles to improve safety on local roads," Mrs Hancock concluded.

• Turn to 16 for answers to other issues.



• Joanna Gash



• Shelley Hancock

## Pollies answer the questions...

FROM jobs to better roads, two of the region's highest profile politicians respond to a series of questions sent to them by the South Coast Register.

Here are their responses.

Thanks goes Federal Member for Gilmore and Mayor of Shoalhaven City Joanna Gash and State member for the South Coast for taking time to answer the questions.

### What are you going to do create more jobs in the Sanctuary Point area?

**Shelley Hancock:**

"I understand the pressures facing local small businesses who employ the majority of residents at Sanctuary Point.

The NSW Government is committed to assisting small businesses across the South Coast through the establishment of the state's first Small Business Commissioner with powers to advocate, mediate and develop programs and policies to assist local businesses.

The NSW Government also reformed Workers Compensation premiums saving small businesses from a potential 28 percent increase in insurance premiums.

It's important to note that since the 2011 State Election, job growth in NSW has been ahead of every state and territory with close to 100,000 new jobs being created including almost 10,000 in the South Coast-Illawarra region.

The NSW Government has also bolstered our local tourism industry through an additional \$250,000 in funding for the South Coast Tourism Organisation, assisting with campaigns for other programs to increase visitations to the Shoalhaven.

We are seeing confidence return to the local economy as local businesses continue to grow and expand including the recently announced Unicorn Cheese expansion at South Nowra.

I will continue to support the NSW Government's measures to assist small business in Sanctuary Point and across the coast in order that they have the confidence and security to generate new employment opportunities for local residents."

**Joanna Gash:**

"Let me state from the outset - neither council nor I 'create jobs' and what I am talking about is real jobs - not 'Clayton's' jobs that collapse as soon as the government subsidy runs out

What we can do in local government is encourage the right conditions for job creation by industry.

Job opportunities are created by business investment and until the anti-investment attitude in the area is turned around, businesses, understandably, will not want to invest here. We need to be seen to be more investment friendly and more proactive in attracting vital job generating investment dollars.

Every time there is a protest against any development proposal in the area, whether it be by environmentalists or NIMBY's (Not In My Back Yard), potential investors reach the conclusion of 'why bother?'

They then go to where they're made to feel welcome.

We need to change the attitudes that are holding us back but I can't do it on my own - everyone has a part to play. Every time we let these one eyed noisy objectors win, we lose.

Until that attitude changes, job creation opportunities of any consequence will remain a "pie in the sky" proposition."

exasperation and just give up trying.

Again, it's all to do with attitude.

- With the right attitude anything can be made possible. I have started by encouraging council to expand the beautification process but there is a limit. Sure we would all like lots of things and that takes money. Council has to spread around what it has to work with.

We have an ongoing program of works but this is limited by the budget we have to work with. Obviously if we had more money we could do more things.

The community wants this and we want this but in the end, someone has to pay. That is why we have sought to increase rates - so that we can do all the things that have been neglected, overlooked or deferred because it was politically inconvenient.

We are working towards this goal but it will take time and it will take a constructive partnership with the community to make it happen. We will also pursue other government initiatives such as the coalition's policy to introduce the Green Army.

Under a Coalition government we had the Green Corps and it proved its worth by not only rehabilitating the local environment but providing a gateway to employment for many young unemployed people.

I will be encouraging council to fully utilise the Green Army initiative if a Coalition government is returned on September 14 by pursuing every grants funding option presented."

### What are you going to do to get safe roadways, footpaths and clean gutters in the Sanctuary Point area?

**Shelley Hancock:**

"The NSW Government supports Shoalhaven City Council in delivering better roads and footpaths in the Sanctuary Point area and across the Coast.

Under the NSW Government's 2012/13 Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme, Shoalhaven City Council received a generous \$2 million loan subsidy to undertake important resealing and pavement works. Further, the 2012/13 State Budget included \$618,000 to upgrade roads across the Shoalhaven.

Council, with my support, has also been successful in applying for \$485,000 in cycleway funding through Roads and Maritime Services. This will see important improvements to cycleway projects across the Shoalhaven with completion due by June this year.

This funding is on top of major works on the Princes Highway at South Nowra, Termeil Creek and Burrill Lake."

**Joanna Gash:**

"When I stood for election as mayor, I stood for promoting civic pride. You may recall I started painting out graffiti in a number of places including the bridge.

Graffiti is a visual cancer that drags down neighbourhoods. No wonder people just throw their hands up in

# bay and basin extra

## Do you support the idea of having CCTV in Sanctuary Point? If so what are you going to do to get them?

**Shelley Hancock:**

"I support Shoalhaven City Council, local businesses and residents in their campaign to provide greater security throughout the Sanctuary Point central business district through the installation of CCTV cameras.

I will continue to work with Shoalhaven City Council and the federal member to investigate potential funding opportunities."

**Joanna Gash:**

"How many criminal cases these days have relied on TV footage to secure a prosecution? Whether you like it or not, this is the reality of life in the 21st century.

The value of CCTV cameras has been amply proven both here in Australia and in many cities across the world. Of course, there is always the spectre of big brother watching and certainly we have to work to make sure the cameras, once installed, are not misused.

However, there are sufficient safeguards in place in Australia's democracy at the moment to protect us from the abuse of process. That is why, as I have previously mentioned, encouraged Ann Sudmalis, our Liberal candidate for Gilmore to secure the necessary funding support to initiate a program in Sanctuary Point.

Strategically located cameras will go a long way in supplementing police patrols and provide invaluable evidence in the event of a crime in their locality.

I've supported the introduction of CCTV cameras in the past and will continue to do so as long as their worth remains proven and Sanctuary Point is an ideal candidate."

## What are you going to do to stop people from not maintaining their residential blocks? Some blocks are overgrown with grass and some have become dumping grounds.

**Shelley Hancock:**

"I will continue to bring these matters to the attention of Shoalhaven City Council and work with them to find an adequate solution."

**Joanna Gash:**

"In the end, private property is private property.

Thankfully we don't live in a totalitarian society where officials can just march in and force people to do things. Some legal options are available to council but these are limited and rightly so.

Any legal action we pursue costs the ratepayer and takes time. Clearly we want to avoid imposing unnecessary costs.

If the state of the property represents a proven hazard to health or safety, council can intercede and does. But at the end of the day, it is the personal standards of the owner of the property that will determine whether council needs to intervene or not.

That is why I am working with council to encourage a policy of confidence and civic pride where most of the small problems we are confronting, such as these, can be reduced.

Of course, we will always continue to work towards improving existing policy."

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## MARINE RESCUE JERVIS BAY - Major raffle to be drawn at Huskisson Bowling Club 9th June 2013



### Tickets \$1.00 each

1st Prize Aglapro model MR 384, Seating 2 x boxed athwart seats fully sealed for flotation chamber, Floor Carpeted flat centre floor, Engine Suzuki 9.9 HP 4 Stroke, Electronic ignition, Pull start, Trailer Dunbar 4 MHW, Single axle, Wind down jockey wheel, LED lights, Safety Pack : 1 x pair aluminium oars c/w rowlocks, 2 x Life jackets, 1 x Waterproof Torch, 1 x V Sheet, 1 x Anchor c/w 2 m chain, 1 x Bailer kit, 1 x Hand held horn  
Alternatively, \$5,000 in cash paid to the winner if the vessel is not required.

2nd Prize 1x Family pass for Jervis Bay Eco Adventure, donated by Dolphin Wild cruises

3rd Prize 2x Fishing Charter gift: Certificates Fishing Reef& Bay, donated by Jervis Bay Fishing Charter

4th Prize 1x Pair of the latest Visionary Compact Binoculars, donated by Nature Lodge Optics

Drawn 7.30 pm Sunday June 9th at Huskisson Bowling Club.

Purchase Tickets at the Marine Rescue Jervis Bay watch House in Voyager Park Huskisson

# CCTV Cameras

To coin a phrase “I believe they are the best thing since slice bread,” and who in their right mind, would think otherwise? Unless! Perhaps they have other strange opinions how good the introduction of sliced bread was!

With the introduction of Digital Technology, the old style Analog CCTV with its, almost unrecognisable images, was seldom questioned, so why now are we hearing more of “Civil Liberties,” or “An evasion of privacy?” Surely it is not because we have some thing to hide?

**\$100,000** of Council funding, which could have been used in a positive response for the benefit of all of us, who call the Shoalhaven...“HOME” instead of being spent on **ONE** person to have a decision from the Administrative Decisions Tribunal (ADT) direct our Council to close down CCTV security in our CBD!

Allow me to digress back to the “future,” when CCTV was first introduced back in 1942 when the first CCTV was installed by Siemens AG in Germany for the purpose of viewing the launch of their V-2 rockets, and when the first commercial closed circuit Television was available in the USA in 1949 and a small reminder, that in the UK, when CCTV was used to identify Venables and Thompson who kidnapped young, James Bulger in a shopping Mall in 1993.

When used properly and not as some sort of a cheap game, in my opinion CCTV is not just a deterrent, or an aid for Crime Prevention, in its twenty first century High Definition Digital format, it is the return of the Sir Lancelot, or the White Knight, that is again standing up for justice for those who are offended and the identification of those who are the offenders! I am sixty eight years and I can truthfully say “ I have never experienced injustice, from keeping on the right side of the Law and I have passed by numerous CCTV’s and other forms of surveillance apparatuses... “What side of the Law do you walk on?

Thank goodness that we have a higher jurisdiction to make decisions in new South Wales other than the ADT and I wonder why the ADT didn't pass over the decision making to the State Government on a topic, that it would appear the ADT thought, was obviously not a local issue and could spread throughout the State.

I have been listening to much discussion on the subject, while my computer has been off line for 11 days and I am pleased that both Mr Barry O'Farrell NSW Premier and Ms Julia Gillard Australian Prime Minister agree, that CCTV has an important roll to play in bringing Criminal and other Law offenders to account. And why not? un-lawful activities don't deserve special exemptions from being identified and criminalised in our judiciary system.

Congratulations are in order to; Mayor Gash for voicing her disgust against the decision of the ADT... Well done Mayor! To Radio Station 2ST Graham French, Barry Mac and all of the broadcasting on the debate and it has been a debate! To the State Governments of Australia and of course... To the head of our Political Empire, the Prime Minister of Australia, who! I believe I can safely say...

# You all believe CCTV is here to stay!

# Sanctuary Point Men's Shed

The Sanctuary Point Men's Shed can be contacted by calling the President : Alex Paton on 02 4443 4281 or going on line at [www.sanctuarypointmenshed.org](http://www.sanctuarypointmenshed.org)



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

Hours of Business: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 0900—1600 (9-4)

Both the metal and wood working, is located on private property at Falls Creek and it is time to bring back this registered charity to "SANCTUARY POINT," where it belongs. Clifton Park would make a wonderful home, together with COMMUNITY GARDENS and a great BICYCLE TRACK for the recreation of the whole community to enjoy.

Sanctuary Point Men's Shed is a Registered Charity and they need your Support— They are an Asset of our town SANCTUARY POINT a COASTAL VILLAGE of the SHOALHAVEN

We build many and varied things in our shed and hope this gives you some insight into these items.

**Wrought Ironwork**  
**One off carpentry work**  
**Welding** **Childrens Playhouse**  
**Minor Restoration**  
**Outdoor Settings**  
**Blanket /Toy boxes**  
**Rocking Cow**  
**Turned Wooden items: Bowls, Plates and etc.**  
**Planter boxes**  
**Rocking Horses**  
**Rocking motorbike**

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**ALL DONATIONS OVER \$2.00 MADE TO SPMS ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE**

<http://www.sanctuarypointmenshed.org/>

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The above advertisement, is Inserted by the Editor as a Community Service .

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. Dennis.



This photo is the destruction of the cow-boys in heavy vehicles, trying to manoeuvre their vehicles into the access road to the Sanctuary Point Shops, from Paradise Beach Road Sanctuary Point.

I know and so do the shop owners and customers know that they just do not get it! When will someone help them to deliver their loads in a safe manner?



This photo shows the location, with the Community Centre, Child Minding Centre and the Public School entrance in the... **BACKGROUND** if you create the problem...Fix It! Otherwise lobby the Council to alter your direction of entry.

How about a one way entry from the western end of the shopping centre, on to the access road, alongside of the oval for all sizes of vehicles, courtesy of Tim from Jimbo's... Seems sensible to me!



This is Ray Brooks Reserve, formerly Palm Beach Sanctuary Point. Ray and his lovely wife are now both deceased and Council saw fit to change the name in recognition of Ray's contributions to the community he loved so well. But! Having recently taking a few snap shots of the reserve over the last couple of days, let alone Ray Brooks OA. but I too would be saddened by what I saw!



This is a photo of the state of the beach, littered in sea weed that is so thick that it does not allow for the natural movement of the sandy beach and therefore the sand has disappeared so that branches of trees and shrubs are exposed, just waiting to snag the unsuspected visitors to our main beach (for swimming) in Sanctuary Point.

This has been reported to council with other points to consider.



## Cul-de-sac repairs Ridgелands Drive Sanctuary Point.

I reported an issue in Ridgелands Drive Sanctuary Point back in November 2012 when a resident from the cul-de-sac told me how he had been told by the road maintenance crew who repaired the top end of Ridgелands Drive, back in 2010 that the cul-de-sac crew would be coming to repair the cul-de-sac. These are a few of the photos I included in my November 2012 issue.



**I am pleased to bring you an up-date as of the 13th May 2013.**

To begin with, let me firstly say, that Shoalhaven Council is a very large council and since I commenced our Newsletter, both Kate and I have come in contact with so many dedicated Council employees, who in our opinion, would only be too happy to wiggle their nose or wave their wand and fix all of the problems, from all of the citizens, in the very same day. But they are not magical, they are real people, just like me and you! They live, breath and go about their lives in the same way as all of us and I refer to all of the Councillors, General Management, Line management and the dedicated field operatives, that we have come to know and appreciate their dedication in trying to please everyone, with the limited resources they have to maintain the Shoalhaven in a life style we all imagine. I believe we all should look into our own back yards and ask ourselves if we could do better!



### **The Cul-de-sac crew has arrived!**

The bottom end cal-de-sac in Ridgелands Drive is getting its facelift. The heavy equipment has been doing what it does best and from what I have seen to-date, the residents are being given the attention they have been waiting for.



Here are a few photos of the work being done by the field operatives, even down to the sprinkle of grass seeds to enhance the work being carried out, well done to the residents for contacting Council and having the patience to wait for so long.

**Thank you Shoalhaven Council for listing  
the Job**

**and doing the job, you do, do well!**





In the year of getting things done, I have had the pleasure to not only see at first hand, observe , speak to and take photos of a very professional company, who have been in the Bay & Basin area, who you may have seen, called RSP ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES. I have also been contacted by the company, who has taken time out to let me know a little bit of their policies, when working in various locations and how they benefit those locations, other than the service they have been contracted to carry out.

In appreciation of the information I have received, I would like all of my readers to experience the information received, so that like me, you also can think of the benefits of having companies of that calibre permanently in our own communities.

Thank you Pam Leech Office Manager and Lance Brown Business Manager.



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Phone 1800 888 420 Fax 03 5448 3533 e-mail: info@rspes.com Website: www.rspes.com

9<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

Dennis Williams  
3 Ridglands Drive  
Sanctuary Point NSW 2540



Dear Dennis

We would like to thank you for the valued support you have given our company in your Local Newsletter.

While working in your area we have employed local people directly and trained them in the use of our equipment in your community. We use local companies for repairs / maintenance when required. We try to use as much local support while in each area. Shoalhaven City Council are fore front of using modern technology as an asset management tool. Thanks again for making us welcome in your community.

Please find enclosed 2 stubby holders and we look forward to reading more in your local newsletter.

Regards



Pamela Leech  
Office Manager  
RSP Environmental Services



\* Chemical Sewer Root Control \* Pressure Jet Drain Cleaning  
\* Sewer Pipe Degreasing \* CCTV \* Hydro Excavation \* Vacuum Loading  
Gavlex Pty Ltd ABN: 18 053 704 466 t/a RSP Environmental Services

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**

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

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!**

## The Bay & Basin Cancer Support Group

ABN: 84 056 901 368

If we could put an importance on all of the people who help made  
our  
**WORLD'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA**  
at the

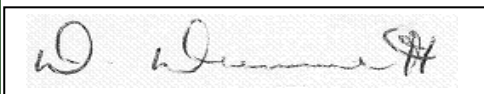
St Georges Basin Country Club on the 8th May 2013, the wonderful success that it was, we wouldn't deserve the generosity of EVERYONE who contributed to our success!

To each and everyone of you, who graciously supported our members in organising our Biggest Morning Tea... We give you all our biggest...

# THANK YOU

From the bottom of our hearts.

If GIVING was measured in Love, what a wonderful world this could be!



**Dianne Dummett**  
President (02) 4443 3275

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**



# ANZAC DAY 2013—Voyager Park Huskisson NSW

Rod Simpson—Master of Ceremonies



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