



*Welcome to my **SANCTUARY
POINT CONCERNED
CITIZEN NEWSLETTER**
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They say many hands make light work, but! All of the Kings horses and all of the Kings men, took a terrible long time, to put humpty together again!

I know that many concerned people have played their part in having this, thorn in the side of the many and I include the owners, tenants, Sanctuary Point citizens, Shoalhaven Councillors, Council Management & staff and probably the ones who felt the most pain, the shopping customers, who daily, had to endure the lack of direction, from those who were being paid to “Council” and administer fair and proper regulations and policies of Local Government. Private and Public issues within the shires, should always be a concern for Local Government!

Allow me to take you back to my first Newsletter, on an issue that started Kate and myself down this track of my newsletter;

My Sanctuary Point Concerned Citizen Newsletter February 2011 Vol. 001 — Extract;

“For me, the shopping area of Sanctuary Point has lost its appeal as a “want to go to shopping area” and has for some time now, been relegated to a “go to as a last resort shopping area”. The Hazardous pot holes in shoppers parking facilities, unsightly Garbage Bins and assorted containers at the rear of the shops, in full view of shoppers and all who use the facilities of the playing field adjacent to the shops. And the scrawl that covers the walls, makes me wonder how our business entrepreneurs such as the Owners, Tenants and our local Council, can all allow this disgraceful denigration, of what could be a pleasant encounter with our local shopping and sporting facilities. When you sleep at night, do you all dream of what has been created? ... “I do!””



February 2011

I am quite happy for anyone, to strut their peacock feathers and say “Look what we have done! What a good boy am I!” I will stand by my words, which I published back then! ... So what has really changed?

For twenty one months, Shoalhaven Council, with all of its Kings horses and all of its Kings men, was unable to persuade all of the owners of the private, commercial shopping facilities, who I would have thought, all of them! Must have a duty of care to the shoppers, their customers! who use the privately owned parking facilities, which at some time must have been approved under a requirement, that should be included somewhere in their Development Applications.

For now I thank Sense and Sensibility, for many obvious reasons!

Oh! What a feeling, the start of the resurfacing of the Sanctuary Point Paradise Beach Road, Shopping Centre, Car park.



From This!



To This!



Thank you for giving back to Sanctuary Point some Pride and Dignity, that has been long overdue and a car parking facility, appropriate for all who enter its borders!

And this brings me to the next Concern, that has been lingering on since February 2011 (Twenty One Months!)

***Now that the car park is no longer an issue of concern!
For Council or the Private Owners.***

I put it to Council that the access road entering into the shopping centre off Paradise Beach road Sanctuary Point, which gives access to the rear of the shopping centre, is not privately owned! But council property, that should have been properly maintained to carry all carriage way, light, heavy and pedestrian. Priority should be given to the heavy vehicular traffic, as this is their legal right of entry to supply stock for the shopping centre, especially as there is a 3 tonne limit on all vehicles entering into the Shopping centre car park, which only leaves rear access delivery for them!

For twenty one months, I have heard that council could not intervene in the resurfacing of the car park, because it was privately owned and during this time I have also been asking for the rear access road and other ugly sights be brought up to date, so in case we have forgotten what I am still concerned with, I will remind you with a picture or few and you know what they say a picture is worth!



25,000 words just can not be all wrong! Come take a stroll with me, and if you can not see the ugliness of this area, which is! Primarily under Council control, then the newly elected Councillor's really have their work cut out for them!

I hear rumours that the Frances Ryan Reserve may be re developed!! Why re develop a beautiful Park, when above is what needs re developing ... **NOW!**

**While we are still on the lack of Council Maintenance! No
ridicule of the operational crews intended, as they only take
their direction from the top down!**

I keep on hearing of the shoddy road work being carried out by Council, in so many places ... so! I thought it must be my time to bring the issue a bit closer to my place and I do mean my place! Ridgелands Drive Sanctuary Point.

At the bottom of Ridgелands Drive, it converts into a cul-de-sac, but just before the cul-de-sac starts, two years ago, council did some maintenance on Ridgелands drive, but stopping where the cul-de-sac commenced. A long term resident of Ridgелands drive, who has his property on the cul-de-sac, asked the road crew if they were going to also fix the cul-de-sac ... "Wait for it," ... No sir that will be done by the cul-de-sac crew!!! The property owner, after two years and three calls to council, is still waiting for the "Cul-de-sac Crew".

Here are a few photos, of what I believe to be the worst piece of road work I have ever encountered and to think I have not mentioned this, because I felt it too close to home and would be thought of as favouritism! You be the judges, of the photos I took on .the 6th November 2012.



**Two years is a fair wait for the Cul-de-sac crew, to come and
fix your cul-de-sac! Please don't let this be another thorn in
the side of our new Mayor and Councillors!!**



**C'mon
Mate!**

It you want further proof that something has gone terribly wrong with the way roadwork maintenance is dealt with, take a look at these photos, that were also taken on the 6th November 2012 at the corner of Ethel Street and Greville Avenue Sanctuary Point and further into Ethel Street,

On the Corner and alongside of the Sanctuary Point Caravan Park, at the entrance where the tourists to Sanctuary Point enter the caravan park.



**And oh! What a possible fire Hazard, with the warmer months of Summer just around the corner!
This privately owned vacant block is located at 82 Ethel Street Sanctuary Point**



If you believe there is a health hazard or potential safety danger with the state of a privately owned vacant block of ground next to you, contact the Shoalhaven City Council with your concern, you don't only owe it to yourself, you owe it to the community you live in and Shoalhaven Council awaits your call!

You have a right to live in SAFETY! In your own HOME.



Common Sense!



The Police Command Bus made a visit to Sanctuary Point on Monday 29th October 2012.

A survey was conducted, which allowed locals and others in attendance to record their views on various

issues that concern us in our communities.

In attendance with the Command Bus was Superintendent Joe Cassar, who four month ago, transferred from Cabramatta to Nowra and took up his commission as Commander in charge of Nowra LAC. Having the opportunity to speak to Superintendent Cassar, I was most impressed with his approachable management style and what I conceived to be a genuine concern to bring the very best of Police Law Enforcement to the Shoalhaven.

Superintendent Cassar was accompanied by his Chief Inspector and other members of the Police Force, one in particular I will not forget is SCO Scott Chapman, as I recall he referred to the Police Command Bus, as “His Baby,” how is that for being in touch with the public.

Since April 2011 I have been including, as a service to the community, my and have encouraged concerned citizens to contact your local Police Enforcement on various telephone numbers. Well! I can say to you, after speaking at the command bus, the Police are on the side of the victims and depend- ing on what side you are on, they encourage you to phone in what you believe to be wrong or a crime, as without your phone call, it’s not registered, it’s not acted upon and you can not blame the Police if it keeps on happening!

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Joe Cassar might just be a COP! But I am sure glad “Sir,” you are on our Side!

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

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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 VOLUNTEER 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!



The Sanctuary Point Men's Shed are heavily involved in providing the facilities for community members, to contribute their expertise and skills, to produce some wonderful woodwork and metal work, that will knock your socks off! If you would like to experience the wonderful work they do, you can call in at the IGA in St Georges Basin and speak to the men who produce the work about joining, or better still! Looking at, and buying some of their wonderful creations.

Inserted as a community service by the editor for The Sanctuary Point Men's Shed

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.

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.

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