

Why "Titania Park" won the prize

Our local historian, R.J. Walliss, who compiled "Greenwell Point—An early Shoalhaven Port—" had submitted the name, and has supplied the following:-

Donald McLean, who had visited the Californian Goldfields in the early 1850's, arrived in the Shoalhaven and was joined by his brothers, Alexander, Hector, Archibald and John. Along the bank of the Crookhaven, they built the sailors "Numbaa" and "Titania," followed by the "Janet". The latter was named after their mother, and was sometimes referred to as the "Janet McFarlane."

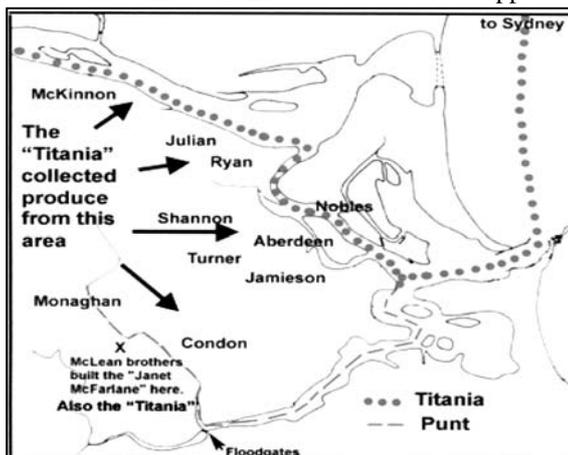
We know the most about the "Titania," because its log is still in existence. The sailing ketch was built on the banks of Crookhaven Creek in 1855. It had a carvel hull, and was originally 31.6 tons, 51 feet long, 15 feet wide and had a draught of 8 feet. It was rebuilt as a schooner of 57 tons in 1864. It was acquired by Thomas Caffery in 1864, and was wrecked at Brunswick River entrance in 1879.

Donald McLean's log of the "Titania" dating from February, 1856, to 28th June 1862, provides us with the names of the farmers along the lower

Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers, and the produce they sent to Sydney.

For example, in 1859, Donald McLean carried 409 tons of potatoes, 8170 bushels of maize, 335 bushels of wheat, and 1994 bushels of barley, as well as pigs, kegs of butter, coops of fowls, boxes of eggs, pumpkins, sides of bacon, hides and turkeys.

The list of farmers compiled from the log indicates that he collected produce from both the Crookhaven and Shoalhaven Rivers near Greenwell Point. One of the main suppliers of produce, was



Monaghan (sic) from Mayfield, having forwarded 124 tons of potatoes, 393 bushels of maize, 644 bushels of wheat, 61 bushels of barley, cheeses, kegs of butter, and bags of bacon over a 7 year period.

These items were collected by Donald's

brother, Hector, by punt. He was paid two pounds, nine shillings and four pence in March 1857 for punting 22 tones of potatoes, and 383 bushels of maize down the Crookhaven to be loaded onto the "Titania."

Other large suppliers of cargo were the Aberdeens, who lived on Apple Orchard Island, and Andrew and Angus Noble, whose farm was opposite, on Comerong Island.

This ship's history demonstrates clearly what was happening around Greenwell Point in the mid 1850's. Ships were being built, and farmers were producing food for the Sydney markets. Enterprising ship's captains were collecting this produce, and delivering it to merchants in Sydney.

Recent research by Russ Evans tells us that the "Titania" was built on the banks of the Crookhaven, not at Numbaa.

Column 3

Council is to be congratulated on the excellent work carried out in the area adjacent to the local swimming pool.

The new fencing, pathways and general landscaping have greatly enhanced the local amenity.

Local fishing news

The following information has been provided by NSW Department of Primary Industries :-

Shoalhaven and Crookhaven estuaries are in Primary Region 6 that extends from Stanwell Tops in the North, to near Ulladulla in the South.

There are a maximum of fifty five licence holders to fish the estuaries and lakes in Region 6.

There are 12-15 licensed professional fishermen who regularly fish the Shoalhaven and Crookhaven estuaries, and about another 5 who travel occasionally to these estuaries.

There are 2 fishermen who accepted the Department's buy out in region 6, who have bought back a license and one of these fishes the Shoalhaven regularly, and the other fishes occasionally.

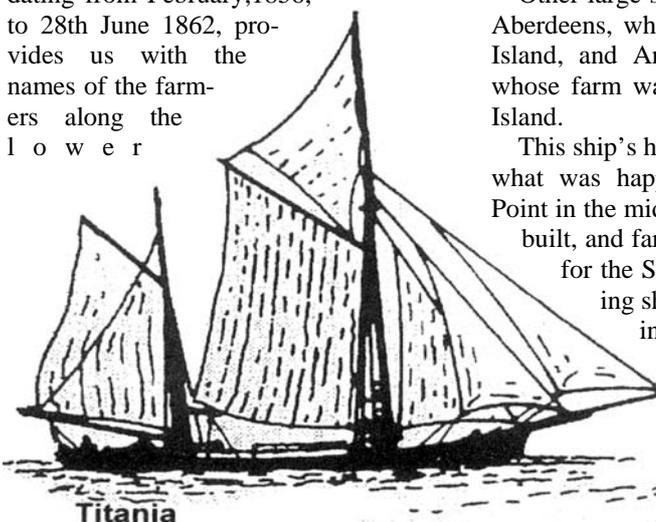
There has been one new licence granted in region 6 in the last few years and the holder fishes in the Shoalhaven occasionally.

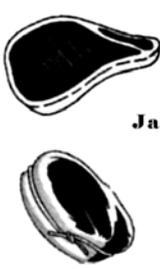
There have been some licences sold by fisherman who previously fished the Shoalhaven, that have been bought by the fishermen in the

Wollongong area who occasionally fish the Shoalhaven.

Meet the Mayor

Clr. Greg Watson, Mayor, Shoalhaven City Council, and Councillors, will be available for interviews with members of the community, to discuss issues of concern on Monday, 6th November, 2006, at 9.30am at the Black Marlin, Greenwell Point.





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About 20-30 locals were treated to a sausage sizzle and inspection.

The cabins are fully self-contained with new furnishings, kitchens, televisions, security systems and even a live-in caretaker. The landscaping including camellias and roses are blooming now, adding a very homely touch.

Eyes Down

Play bingo every Thursday at our local Hall and help our kids with cancer. Greenwell Point Yurana fund raisers wish to thank all of their sponsors, players and workers. Without your help we would not have been able to raise over \$2000.00 in the past 12 months for Yuranas Holiday Homes for Kids with Cancer.

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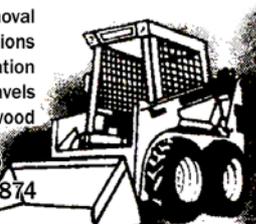
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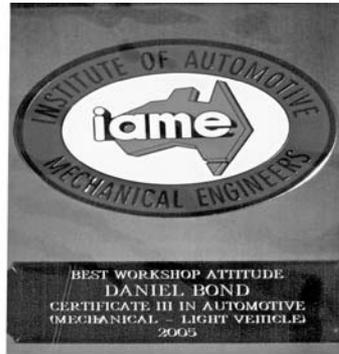
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Greenwell Point Fire Brigade

Even though it's winter, the brigade is still busy, and training is ongoing. Call outs listed below:

- Fire Alarm.....2
- Fire1
- MVA3
- Support1

This report is from 010606 to 250706.

Congratulations Daniel Bond

Daniel Bond has been a resident of Greenwell Point since the age of 3.

Daniel commenced his apprenticeship with Mayzal Mechanical on 24/04/2002, and completed his term in April 2006. He has achieved his tradesman's Certificate with Distinction from TAFE 2005. Mayzal Mechanical is proud to support the motor industry and traineeships. Samal Madge is also employed, and is in the second year of his traineeship.

Daniel has continued his employment as a qualified mechanic with Mayzal Mechanical.

Daniel has played for the local Pirates' football team as fullback for the past 2 years. He is supported by Leanne and daughter Chloe.

Scouting about with Julie Brown

Both Cubs and Scouts are going well with growing numbers. Soon some of the cubs will be advancing to Scouts. This will be a new and exciting aspect of their Scouting life.

Cubs have some new adventures to look forward to this term.

Scouts are off to the Bass Balls canoeing Challenge at Bendeella (Kangaroo Valley) (but wonder where they got that name from). This is a Regional Activity. This will be great for our Scouts to be interacting with many groups from Wolongong to Eden, and Southern Highlands. Good luck guys!

We would also like to say a Special thank you to Kelly Allan for her kind donation of a camp table. This was much appreciated, thanks again.

Kids poetry competition

Com e on kids get your entries in, you have to be in it to win it! Winners announced November.

Senior Citizens news

Remember Avoca Holiday 15th to 20th October 6 days and 5 nights. Ring Clare 44471533. The AGM will be held in August 2006

Meet a local with Jackie Parry

Apparently, a Rainbird's call presages rain; however the sleek "Rainbird" yacht that decorates our river, is seeking clear skies, fine sunsets and beckoning horizons. The departure of the sloop and her crew, Andréa and Clive, will leave a void in Greenwell Point in more ways than one.

Kangaroo Valley is Clive and Andrea's terra firma home, Greenwell Point their floating abode. With a nursing, business and adventuring background, Andrea is ready for her new challenge, "I'm excited, a little apprehensive but thrilled to have the opportunity to do something so different", she explains.

Clive has grown up playing in a plethora of different boats, but he's ready to leave the farm behind, and break free from the shackles of land life. "I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to the Marine Rescue crew at Greenwell Point who have been a great support," says Clive. He adds that he enjoyed being part of the crew, and looks forward to hooking up again on his return.

North to Bundaberg is their current plan, although there is a "Pacific" whisper in the wind....The thrill seeking couple have worked hard refitting and preparing their watery home, and it's a first class job, right down to the gimballled vase! Preparing a boat with essentials, necessities and a few comforts is an incredible challenge: everything has to be secure for when the wind holds hands with the waves and creates a roller coaster ride.

Leaving the securities of land to tango with Mother Nature takes a dose of daring and a great dollop of difficult decisions {the dog?; mail?; family?; house?...}Fair winds and kind seas to you both, there are more than a few people that will miss your cheery smiles. We look forward to hearing all about your adventures on your return.

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Development Applications

The following DAs were received by Council during July:

DA06/2205—Construction of storage shed Lot 118 170 Greens Road (Oyster Depot)

Greenwell Point Meals on Wheels

Notice of Annual General Meeting 2006. Current and past members welcome, Monday September 11th at the Hall.

Meet at 1pm for a chat and nibbles, afternoon tea after election of Officers at 1.30pm

GTP Election Results

Congratulations to the incoming President Ron Vaughan and Secretary Lyn Eckersley. They look forward to having an interesting and fulfilling year of activities.

Please come along to our next community meeting on the 17th August. The community can only prosper by virtue of input by its members.

To the outgoing executive committee members who have worked tirelessly to keep the consultative body of the Council well informed about our needs at Greenwell Point, Allan Mayze and Grahamham Bannister, the community thanks you both.

Trivia

He who plants a tree
plants a hope
Lucy larcom

Life begins the day
you start a garden
Chinese proverb

Watching something grow
is good for morale.
It helps you believe in life
Myron Kaufmann

To forget how to dig the earth
and tend the soil
is to forget ourselves
Gandhi

The glory of the garden
lies in more than
meets the eye.
Rudyard Kipling

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Dates for the diary ...

Thursday 17th Aug—Get to the Point Programme) commencing 7.00pm.

Regular happenings

Scouts (10 ½ years +)—**Every Monday** 6.00pm to 8.00pm at the Scout Hall, Greens Road—Contact Craig 4447 0401.

Cub Scouts (7 ½ years to 10 ½ years)—**Every Thursday** 6.30pm to 8.00pm at the Scout Hall—Contact Rae 4447 1735.

Bingo at the Hall—**Every Thursday** commencing 10.30am—Contact Lola 4447 1850.

GP United Hospital Auxiliary—**First Thursday** each month commencing 2.30pm at the Hall.

Shoalhaven Vintage Machinery Club—**Last Wednesday** each month commencing 7.30pm at roving addresses. **Shel Spooner Sec ph. 44483424**

Anyone for Tennis—**Every Monday** (weather and court surface permitting) from 9.30am at the Village Courts, Gordon Ravell Oval—All welcome.

Pyree Village Arts and Craft Markets—**Fourth Sunday** each month commencing 9.00am at the Shoalhaven Pottery Workshop, Greenwell Point Road.

GTPP Community Meeting—**Third Thursday** each month commencing 7.00pm at the Hall.

GP Ladies Auxiliary—**Third Thursday** each month commencing 1.30pm at the Hall.

Crafty Fingers Group—**every Tuesday** 1.30pm to 3.30pm at Coral Tree Lodge. For info call Tanya 4447 1313.

Greenwell Point Union Church—**Sunday Service** commencing 8.00am. First Sunday of month Baptist, second Presbyterian, third Uniting, fourth Anglican and fifth Baptist.

Senior Citizens—**meet alternate Mondays** commencing 1.00 pm at the Hall.

Bingo Afternoon tea and lots of laughs.

Fae's Folk Art Class—meet every Tuesday morning commencing 9.00am . For info call Fae 4447 1724.

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