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## Keeping Sanctuary Point Beautiful

Sanctuary Point is a hive of activity with several works and services completed, underway or planned for the area.

Many works projects such as extensions to cycle ways and improvements to roads in Sanctuary Point instantly add to the usability, safety and enjoyment of those living in and visiting the area.

Clr Green said "We have been working with NSW Police and community associations, such as the Bay and Basin Community Resources Centre, and the sporting associations on strategies that will ensure that safety and community amenity is enhanced in Sanctuary Point.

"Council considered the Safer by Design Crime Risk Evaluation by Sergeant Kevin Henry, from the Shoalhaven Local Area command and has been implementing action on the recommendations from the safety audit. Council has written to the responsible owners of private land in relation to recommendations from the safety audit, and Council's Director City Services and Operations and key Council staff have held a meeting at Sanctuary Point with the Police and Shelley Hancock MP to discuss the issues with the Safety Audit and agree on actions from the plan," Clr Green said.

Since the Safer by Design Crime Risk Evaluation, Council's Community Services has been working with the Local Area Command in Nowra and community services the Bay and Basin area to identify programs that can help to provide clean, well maintained areas in Sanctuary Point.

The Community Services section has been working with a local community group and Sanctuary Point Public School to create a mural on the walls of the amenities building in Francis Ryan Reserve, Sanctuary Point. The cleansing took place on 10 March.

Council is working with the local State Member and NSW Police on implementing issues such as graffiti management, lighting, traffic management, waste removal as part of the safety by design principles.

Council is also working with NSW Police to provide the Crime Prevention Van at Sanctuary Point. Initial discussions have concerned the use of the van at the rear of the Sanctuary Point shopping area where it will be used to talk with local residents on ways to keep their homes and cars safe, and ensuring that their valuables are secure.

Council has also worked with local sporting associations to fence Frances Ryan Park. We have also carried out landscaping works at Sanctuary Point shopping area. Council's Sports Board is supporting the St Georges Basin Rugby League Club move to establish a sports store room at the park.

Council has also been discussing involving the local business and community organisations on Graffiti Action Day on Sunday 15 May to help clean and restore civic pride in Sanctuary Point. One of the sites Council has listed on the Keep Australia Beautiful internet site is Sanctuary Point.

Council's Economic Development section is also in discussion with the Sanctuary Point businesses to help them clean up graffiti from their shops.

This combined effort has meant a more defined approach to a range of issues being faced in the community.

Clr. Green said “Sanctuary Point is one of the real treasures of the Shoalhaven, with its natural beauty and peaceful surroundings. It’s great to see projects and activities underway that benefit the residents and help to make the village more appealing and vibrant.”

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