

## GREEN POINT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

After the Forster/Tuncurry Bridge was built in 1959, property developer C.H. Degotardi (Sales Pty Ltd) acquired a number of small farms in the Forster region. Green Hill Farm was subdivided in 1960. The land was advertised for sale at 10 pounds deposit and by the mid

1970s new residents started to settle in the area. Unlike new subdivisions today, necessary facilities were not made available. There was no electricity, water supply, sewerage, telephone, garbage or mail service and the roads only had narrow strips of bitumen with no streetlights. In order to achieve these services, the early residents banded together and formed the Green Point Progress Association in 1973.



After the 1960's bushfire which ravaged the area, residents feared the worst with only one road in and out of the village and therefore formed the Green Point Bush Fire Brigade in 1974. With no building for their meagre equipment, they worked together to build a hall from discarded house bricks and donated building materials. Instead of meeting in residents' homes, for a short time this building was used for Progress Association meetings, however the need became evident that the Association had to have its own meeting place - so this became their next project.



Old Fire Brigade Hall

The number of residents increased in the early 1980's, when building materials were more readily available. Temporary dwellings, fishing shacks and caravans were replaced with



modest homes. A Progress Association member – a Real Estate agent – advised of an old tennis shed being available in Tuncurry, if the group could arrange to have it transported to the recently acquired Council Reserve at Green Point. Fundraising followed and the little building was brought over the bridge on a low-loader truck to its present position.

More fundraising fetes were held and the building was made ready for use. The first Progress Association meeting was held in the new venue in 1991. Money was borrowed to construct the two tennis courts on the property and later more sporting facilities improved the area.



The Association's name was changed to Green Point Community Association Incorporated in 2005 as it better reflected the spirit of the group and so as not to be confused with the suburb of Green Point near Gosford, the new name became Green Point on Wallis lake Community Association Inc.

Progress Association first meeting December 2, 1991



## Hall Extension

In 2012, the Community Hall building was extended with voluntary labour to accommodate the needs of residents and the kitchen facilities improved for hiring.



Apart from being just a meeting place, the hall has become a hub for art and craft exhibitions and children's parties, Christmas gatherings, etc.



The Bush Fire Brigade became known as the Rural Fire Service in 2001 and the fully equipped Fire Shed was completed in 2016.

In times of crisis, the RFS and the Community Association work together. The Community Hall has been made ready as an Evacuation Centre in times of fire emergencies. In 2023, the Community Association celebrated 50 years of service to the community of Green Point. It continues today and welcomes all residents to join and have their suggestions heard in order to continue their positive work in the future.



For further historical information on Green Point, *An Informal History of Green Point* is available at the MCC Library at Forster.