



# The Island News

ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

*'The Central Coast's Island in the Sun'*

PO BOX 247, ETTALONG BEACH 2257

SEPTEMBER 2004

**The next General Meeting is 9th September, 2004, at 7.30pm in the Peridon Village Hall on Empire Bay Drive, Daleys Point.**

## President's Report September 2004

Gosford Council always seem to be on the wrong end of my comments but it needs to be said that we as an association get a great deal of support from Gosford City Council maintenance staff particularly from Woy Woy depot. One area of support is collection of debris from the canal foreshores, I know of quite a few residents who have taken to cleaning the canal beaches and have the bagged material removed by Gosford council staff particular thanks must go to Rick Hodges and his band of merry men from that depot-again well done Rick and staff of Gosford Council.

Although I get a certain amount of complaint from residents about the lack of street sweeping on the island I note that the mechanical sweeper is a regular attendee on the island it is a rare month that the sweeper is not on an island round. Peter Rugless from council's Woy Woy depot has been instrumental in organising of this service - well done Peter and staff of Gosford Council.

As a committee we now have a formal approval of Gosford City Council to proceed with the entry statement which has been long on the drawing board. A committee has been set up to investigate the costs, funding and possible donations which can be made to bring this important project to a reality.

By now most residents will have received their rate notices for the year and have almost recovered from the shock of the amount of increase applied to the island properties.

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This has come about by the system applied to local government ( g and a new set of valuations for the entire area of Gosford City. The mix or distribution of the rate burden has been changed by virtue of the new valuations, there is not much we can do about it but we as an association will be making representation to council to endeavor to get better value for the rate dollar we pay.

In respect to boating in the canals and waterways of the island a Public Meeting was held by Gosford City Council on 8 July 2004 to consider the matter of reclassification of the canals. The meeting was well attended and the matters were well aired despite the lack of input from council officers. At that meeting there was an overwhelming support for the reclassification and now hopefully Gosford Council will be proceeding to finalise the Local Environmental Plan necessary for the formalising of boating in the canals and waterways of the island.

Residents are asked to note Sunday November 7 2004 in their diaries for the annual St Huberts Day in Long Arm reserve.

If any island resident is in the market for some suitable island memorabilia let me suggest a clock with the island logo done in ceramics from our island ceramic artist Gail whose advertisement appears in the newsletter - Ab. Fab. Ceramics Studio.

Ron Spratt OAM - President

August 17 2004



## Attention Dog Owners



Council advise the "Animal Companion Act" says:-

1. A dog must be on restraint lead when in a public place. Failure to comply penalty is \$110.00 fine for the owner.
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The duck breeding season is with us and ducklings will cross the roadway causing vehicles to brake suddenly or swerve.

Police car patrol and radar have penalised a number of drivers recently, police surveillance will continue as resources are available.

Don't forget the speed limit is 50 kph on all the roads on our Island, watch out for children suddenly running onto the road in front of you.



## Neighbourhood Watch



There were six incidents of stealing reported to Gosford Police in July 2004. These occurred in Attunga Close ( 1 ), Heron Place ( 3 ), Marina View Parade ( 1 ), and Nautilus Crescent (1).

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# Island Gifts

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## St Huberts Day Family BBQ Sunday 7th November

The St Huberts Day family BBQ will be held this year on Sunday 7th November 2004 at Long Arm Reserve from around 11-30 am.

There will be a monster raffle on the day to defray costs.

Sausages, onions, sauces, bread and butter, paper napkins, sun screen lotion are all supplied free of charge from your committee and sponsors.

Just bring a plate, cutlery, some salad if required, a comfortable seat, maybe a blanket, a hat, (an umbrella because it rains or hails nearly every St Huberts Day), and a few bob for the raffle.

**Don't forget some liquid refreshments.**

It's a great way to meet your neighbours and fellow residents,. See you there.

## Last Years BBQ

**All residents are Invited  
for this year**

Far right: Our Chefs from last year, Ken and Nev, smiling for the camera in front of the bbq's where they cooked the sausages and onions that were supplied by our sponsors.



The 2003 Hamper was won by Peg Scully seen being congratulated by our secretary Bob, last years bbq was attended by almost 100 residents, the many activities including the annual trivia challenge for our St Huberts Shield being one of the most sought after trophies.

We love cats dearly and a dog enjoys a romp in the park or a splash in the water however we must be responsible and clean up. It's not difficult to carry a disposable bag or a small trowel and bag or bucket.

Some nature strips and park areas are covered in dog faecies preventing people with children from going there.

The "Rangers" will be patrolling the Island areas at unexpected times.

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## Golfing News of Olympic Proportions

The many Golf playing residents will be pleased to hear that St. Huberts Island resident Barbara Horner has blitzed ladies golf by winning a "Triple Crown" of events:-

- a. C Grade Everglades Ladies Championship.
- b. Brisbane Waters Ladies Veteran C/ship.
- c. Brisbane Waters Ladies Brooch.

Reports on these events tell of her consistent long driving from the tee with deadly accurate approach shots followed by clever reading of the greens and a deft putting stroke.

Well done Barbara, there is hope for Max yet.



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