



The Island News

ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

'The Central Coast's Island in the Sun'

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ST HUBERTS

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Muddy Waters!

A Presidential Message by Ron Spratt OAM

It seems that Gosford City Council are again "sticking their collective heads in the sand" and under the "muddy waters" of Brisbane Water. It is now a great time to come to the Island meeting and air your views about the matters which seems now to have reached huge proportions. Our guest speaker Mike Geary is very topical for the moment and I am sure his message will be pertinent.

Also, the long awaited questionnaire will be distributed during June and July and all residents are requested to complete the information to the fullest. The information gained will allow your committee to give consideration to the many issues that are now surfacing in respect to life on St Huberts Island.

Guest Speaker - introduction by Ron Spratt

The committee in order to raise an interest in the matters of St Huberts Island has arranged guest speaker Mike Geary at our next general meeting. Mike, a principal in the firm Coast and River Environmental Engineering, is well known and had extensive experience in the area of canal type developments. He was a principal advisor in the preparation of the NSW Public Works Department document "Canal Subdivisions - Conditions & Guidelines". At the meeting Mike is to direct his presentation to this canal type of development and considering the problems faced by residents of St Huberts Island relating to the canal subdivision and it's ongoing maintenance this is a presentation not to be missed.

General Meeting

We invite all residents to attend our next meeting in Peridon Village Hall, Empire Bay Drive on **Thursday, 12th June at 7.30pm**. See separate item on the guest speaker. A plate of food for the small supper around 9pm would be appreciated. If you would like a lift to the meeting please contact Bob on 4342 1061.

• At the last meeting Ken and Astrid Lummis were elected to the position of 'Life Member' of the Association for their long and devoted services to the Island. Five new members were also elected to the new committee. Their input will be most welcome. Joan Barnes decided not to stand for reelection.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the March Annual General Meeting, your newly elected officers were:

President:	Ron Spratt	Mainsail Avenue	4343 1540
Vice President:	Gary Dibley	Salacia Close	4342 1922
Secretary:	Bob Fahey	Helmsman Boulevard	4342 1061
Treasurer:	Ken Lummis	Discovery Street	4342 3156
Committee Members:			
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	Joan Holmes	Salacia Close	4344 4757
	Gary Grant	Mercator Parade	4341 9783
	Kay Hazlett	Mercator Parade	4341 2406
	Joe Ednie	Mainsail Avenue	4342 0427
	Bruce Martin	Salacia Close	4342 5610

Membership Fees

Association membership fees are due on 1st July. A renewal notice will soon be sent to all financial members. Non-members and new residents, whom we welcome to the Island, will also receive an invitation to join. It costs only \$5 per annum for family membership, which offsets the costs of general administration, hall hire and various Island activities. The Association is also a platform for voicing any grievance concerning the Island, so do please consider joining.

Island Resident Dine-Out at Iguana Joe's - report by Bob Fahey

Sixty four Islanders and friends had an evening of good fellowship, eating and being merry. A great opportunity to meet new arrivals and make new friends. The food was good and the use of buses there and back worked out very well. The evening prize of a framed coloured photograph of Somersby Falls was photographed and donated by Scott Kingsmill Photography and is acknowledged with thanks. (If you would like to view the reasonably priced limited edition print collection please phone Scott on 4322 0957 or 4342 3156). The winner was Mrs Carol Grant from Mercator Pde. From the raffle proceeds a donation of \$100 was made to Fairhaven Respite Services which supplied one of the buses. You may register your interest in future dine-outs by phoning Bob on 4342 1061 or Ken on 4342 3156.

. Thanks go to Bob for organizing the evening. Ed.

Morning Tea for Cancer Research - report by Bob Fahey

The weather was kind to our cause and all attending were generous with their donations and support of the raffle. In all an amount of \$510 was raised - \$233 from the raffle and \$277 by donation. Many thanks to those who donated the raffle prizes. The winners were Moira Bartholomeusz - hamper; Chris Swan - fruit cake; Shelley Mackay - Chardonnay; Gary Dibley - tray of sweets. A big thanks to Lisa Swan for running the raffle and thanks to Karina Swan for serving the ravishing selection of scones, cakes and sandwiches generously contributed by Island residents. Sincere thanks to all helpers who assisted in so many ways.

Fishing Trip - *report by Ken Lummis*

A group of 10 eager St Huberts Island residents took to the high seas in search of the big one in the early hours of 8th April. John Lamb, local resident and proprietor of Broken Bay Blue Water Charters, certainly gave us our monies worth. A great day was had by all. A mixed bag was caught which included some nice snapper weighing in at a couple of kilos. We will look forward to the next fishing trip.

Red Cross Island Collection - *a note of thanks from Max Horner*

I would like to thank you on behalf of Red Cross for your donations. I would also like to thank the volunteer collectors for their time and effort in collecting money for this year's Red Cross Calling Appeal. We are delighted with the enthusiasm shown by the volunteers as this is the second year Amanda Simmons and her friend have helped the appeal. Also I would like to mention that Peter Youll, his daughter and her friend made a significant collection total for the appeal. Thanks also go to Gary and Carol Grant and Ron Spratt, busy people but wonderful volunteers.

Having a Garage Sale?

Ring Craig on 4344 2777 with details if you would like to take advantage of Ray White's offer to provide and erect signboards and directional signs to your garage sale.

Real Estate Report - *contributed by Robert Hughes of Thorpes Professionals*

It had to happen! You've probably heard about it or read about it, but the selling price on waterfront properties has been stamped and approved at \$1million plus! A property in Boyd Close last year joined the million dollar plus club; a Cuttlefish Parade property sold at over \$1.4million and last month a canal waterfront exceeded \$1.3million. Within two weeks a neighbouring property was listed at \$1.08million and sold within four days! This is good news for all residents as the number of million dollar plus sales during the last six months has given valuers the sales needed when valuing expensive properties. It's also terrific news for the dry block owners as non-waterfront properties are now reaching plus or minus \$600,000. What's more, the Island still has a long way to go. During the next five years it is my opinion that more properties sold will be renovated, detonated, redecorated, landscaped and more, making the Island an even more prestigious place to live. I had the opportunity to work at the Island office a few years ago when a waterfront property home could sit on the market at \$500,000 for six to twelve months. Back then I believed waterfronts were too cheap and outside buyers thought I was just pushing the price up deliberately; but mark my words what we see now is just the beginning! "Congratulations St Huberts Island."

• *Things sure have moved on since the Island was purchased by Father Coghlan for just £154.10 shillings (being £1 per acre). Ed.*

Thought for the Quarter

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Editorial note: If you have items of news or information which might be of interest to other residents, please contact Bob on 4342 1061. Adverts may be placed for just \$25. Copy deadline for the September issue is 30th August.

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