

# The Island News

ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

*'The Central Coast's Island In The Sun'*

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ST HUBERTS

## Season's Greetings to all our Readers



### Christmas General Meeting

Our popular Christmas meeting will be held on **Thursday, 12th December** at **7.30pm** in Peridon Village Hall. Waterfront property owners are again urged to attend as The President will report on significant developments with regard to both pontoons and sand movement. Around 9pm there will be a small supper and a glass of cheer to celebrate the Christmas season. If you would like a lift to the meeting please contact Bob on 4342 1061.

### Message From The President - Christmas 2002

I wish all residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

This year of 2002 has been a particularly busy year and I commend the work of all members of the committee of the Association for the extreme effort they have put in.

It must be said though that there are some efforts of particular members which need to be recognized in actions other than words. The Association has in its entire history not had many people honoured with the award of 'Life Member'. I believe there are two members who have more than earned the distinction of being so called. At a recent meeting the committee unanimously supported that Bob Fahey and Heather Fahey be awarded the distinction of 'Life Member'. The rules of the Association are silent on the protocol for issuing of such an honour but I feel it necessary for it to be a resolution of a general meeting and at the December meeting I will put the following resolution:-

*"Bob Fahey and Heather Fahey of 30 Helmsman Boulevard  
be made 'Life Member' of the St Huberts Island Residents' Association."*



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## Celebrations

Val and Allan Cornwell of Beachfront and Joan and Vic Barnes of Marina View have recently celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversaries. Congratulations!

*\* Do let us know about your special events for publication in our newsletter. Ed.*

### **Tribute to a Great Little Lady**

It is with deep sadness we report the passing away on 30th October of Mrs Lil Bailey from Cuttlefish Pde. Lil had been an active member of the Association for many years and rarely missed a general meeting. Her dear friend Laurel Scott writes: "I first met Lil about 20 years ago when she joined the St Huberts Island Garden Club. We were friends from then on and she hardly ever missed a meeting. When we were asked for a volunteer to attend another club, Lil would always help out. From this group card clubs were formed and Lil really loved Mondays and was a keen player until the middle of this year when her health prevented her playing. Lil was a JP and willingly helped many people out in that capacity. I will miss Lil and her cheerful attitude along with all her many friends."

## **The continuing saga of the canals of St Huberts Island**

### ***Council Subcommittee formed***

Gosford City Council in their wisdom have set up a subcommittee to investigate the waterways of St Huberts Island. By the time of the December General Meeting of the Association there will have been two meetings of that subcommittee.

Prior to the final deliberations of the subcommittee there are some matters residents should know:

- \* Seagrass beds in the waterways are protected and it is an offence to dig and/or destroy them;
- \* The foreshores of Brisbane Water including St Huberts Island are a potential source of acid sulphate soils which could be a danger if exposed to the atmosphere;
- \* Any non-approved excavation in the area of beaches below mean high water mark could lead to prosecution;
- \* Residents are advised that there is no danger in the clearing of sand from any boat ramp which exists in the waterways.

### ***Boating in the canals - Pontoon***

After five years since the St Huberts Island Drainage Reserves Task Group report, council has finally acknowledged that what has been done in the ensuing years has been to no avail and a new Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is to be prepared for the canals of the island - hope it doesn't take another five years!

### ***Sand Reclamation***

Much has been done to assist those residents and the contractor threatened with prosecution for this activity. There is no finalisation of the matter and residents should be cautious in their activities to protect their sea-wall and property.

***Hopefully there will be more to report at the General Meeting to be held at Peridon Village Hall - 12th December.***

Ron Spratt OAM  
President

## **St Huberts Island Survey**



Due to other matters requiring urgent attention, compilation of the survey has been put on hold for the time being. If you have ideas on questions that could be included in the survey you still have time to let Ron Spratt know on 4343 1540.

## Island Memorabilia

Wondering what to give your friends and family members for Christmas this year? If you would like to treat them to a souvenir from the Island then look no further. We still have in stock the beautifully illustrated and extremely informative Island History as well as the wine glasses emblazoned with the Island crest. The book is available at a special Christmas price of just \$10 whilst the glasses are \$5 each or six for \$27.

## Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

December 14th will see Rob Hughes from the Professionals outside his boss's home at 22 Helmsman Bvd ready to ring his bell for a 9.30am start to a door-knocking tour of the Island. This year, Salvation Army manager Shirley Moore will be coming along to help dear old Santa and his merry little band of singing helpers collect unused toys, food items and gifts for those in need. Donations can be made either on the day or alternatively they may be left with our secretary Bob Fahey at 30 Helmsman Bvd. Last year more than \$650 in cash was generously donated by our Island residents along with hundreds of other gifts - let's see if we can do even better this year to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

*"Listen for the children singing, or the bells ringing and share in the spirit of giving!"*



## St Hubert's Day Family Barbecue

The free sausage sizzle on the glorious **3rd November** was again very well attended by Islanders and their friends and families with around 130 happy folk enjoying the cooling breezes and shaded areas of the historic Long Arm Reserve. Thanks go to Ken and Neville for tending the BBQ and also to all those who helped set everything up for the day. The lucky winner of this year's bumper Christmas hamper was none other than our president, Ron Spratt. The beautiful second prize of a framed print of Somersby Falls went to the Ham family. (If you would like to see other prints in the reasonably priced limited edition print collection please phone Scott Kingsmill on 4322 0957 or 4342 3156). Helen Thorpe, proprietor of the Professionals, proved herself to be a worthy winner of the St Huberts Island plaque coming through in the tie-breaker question. Thanks also go to the Professionals Real Estate for once again supplying the tent and sausages. The net profit of \$171.74 has been added to Association funds. As usual, a great day was had by all!

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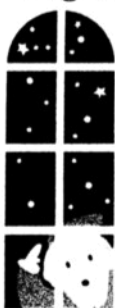
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## Neighbourhood Watch



We are pleased to welcome Martin Wellington as our new Neighbourhood Watch representative. Martin informs us that there has been no reported crime on the Island in the last two months, but suggests you be aware of certain incidents occurring in the general area. You are advised to take care not to admit any unknown people into your home and to keep the front locked when you are at the back and vice versa. Most robberies actually occur from vehicles and it is now being recommended that when driving you lock your car doors from the inside. Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 appreciate any information that might indicate a trend in crime and assure you that callers will remain anonymous.

## Watch your Speed

Traffic Police are continuing to be active in pursuing road safety on the Island so to the few that don't, please *do* slow down!

## Walk Safely – Drive Carefully

Long term resident Wally Roach is making good progress in hospital and will soon be home following an unfortunate accident whilst out walking. Walkers and drivers are reminded to be as vigilant and aware of each other on the Island as elsewhere.

## Islanders' Cruise and Dine Out

A group of Islanders and friends got together just recently on a two hour cruise of the Brisbane Water aboard the Lady Kendall followed by lunch at Koolewong's Boathouse restaurant. It is anticipated that the next St Huberts dine-out will be dinner at Iguana Joe's with a courtesy bus laid on if desired. Watch out for more details in the March newsletter.

## Bendigo Bank

The Ettalong Beach Bendigo Bank's \$450,000 target in pledges has now been reached after a fantastic joint effort by the community, the Chamber of Commerce and Gosford Council. With the feasibility study also financed, it is hoped that it will not be too long before we are able once again to enjoy face to face banking facilities in Ettalong. If you would like to own shares in your own bank please ring 4342 7510 for details.

## Thought for the Quarter

"The most precious part of a Christmas gift is the love with which it is tied."



Merry Christmas Everyone!

**Editorial note:** If you have items of news or information which might be of interest to other residents, please contact Joan on 4342 1403 or Bob on 4342 1061. Adverts may be placed for just \$25. Copy deadline for the March issue is 28th February. Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Editor or the Committee.