



The Island News

ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

'The Central Coast's Island in the Sun'

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S.H.I.R.A. A.G.M.

We invite all residents to attend our annual general meeting in **Peridon Hall, Daleys Point Retirement Village** on **Thursday, 14th March at 7.30pm** when we shall be discussing several issues which affect our island and its residents. It is also time to elect a new committee. If you know of anybody who would be happy to be nominated for any committee position, then please complete the nomination form in this newsletter and leave it in the secretary's letterbox at 30 Helmsman Boulevard by 7th March latest. A plate of food for the supper at the close of the meeting would be appreciated.

• **Report on the December meeting** - Items suggested for future consideration included outstanding kerb, guttering and underground wiring on the Island. It was also recommended that sandbags should be placed in the gutters when roofs are renovated to stop the dirt clogging up the drains. Regarding the proposal to fence the bridge to curtail hooliganism, a security camera was seen as a cheaper alternative; although in fact, an increase in ranger surveillance is now having an effect.

• **Our guest speaker Mayor Robert Bell** gave a wide ranging and informative talk which included historical, economic and structural aspects of Gosford City Council. Although outlining the geological problems facing infrastructure and transportation with the hilly nature of the area, it was good to see his enthusiasm for a vision of a light rail system through the East-West corridor linking Gosford and Terrigal via East Gosford and Erina and to hear his ideas on a ferry system on the Brisbane Water linking waterside communities with each other and with various restaurants situated by the water. It was refreshing to see the positive attitude towards the redevelopment of both Erina Fair and the CBD to make the latter a 24 hour 'living city', and also to hear of the transformation plan for Terrigal, aiming to close it to traffic within 2 years. Hopefully the Island will also favourably figure in your vision as appropriate, Mr. Mayor!

Red Cross Annual Street Collection

We thank the five volunteers from the last general meeting, but we still urgently need extra help for this month's annual collection on the Island. If you could spare one or two hours, perhaps you would help collect in your own street? Please contact Max Horner of 12 Cuttlefish Parade on 4342 1799 who will be pleased to help you get started.

Neighbourhood Watch

The Island continues to remain relatively crime free with only three break and enter incidents reported so far this quarter. On a wider note, a new police and ranger group approach to tackling crime in the area has seen reductions in crime by up to a half in Umina and Woy Woy. You are urged to report any crime in order to help police build up a profile of an area.

- Sadly Norm Walsh, the Island Neighbourhood Watch coordinator for many years, is standing down from his position. If any resident would like to volunteer to take over as our representative please contact Norm on 4342 3761 for information.

Triathlon Report

The glorious Australia Day weekend saw our beautiful island once again the venue for the popular St Huberts Island Triathlon Club Championship. The club president, Island resident Ray Moore, provided the changing facilities and the complementary 'Tastes of the World' lunch at his home, with some fun games laid on for those children too young to take part in the triathlon event. This year's winners were Ian Cuthbertson and Sonia White. Club member of the year was Oona Mahoney. If you are interested in joining the club, please contact Ray on 4342 2999 for details.



"Leg and leg" around the Island

Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

Ex-resident Robert Hughes' magnanimous gesture in rallying the Islanders to support the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal, saw a cash collection of over \$650* as well as hundreds of donations of groceries, new toys and gifts for those in need. Thanks go to all who made the day such a success, not forgetting Noeleen Smith of the Sallies, the vehicle drivers and the twelve cheerful little helpers who also entertained the residents with their singing. With three bells signalling Santa's imminent arrival, many children eagerly waited on the verge to have a few words with Santa as he passed their way. (Robert even managed to fit three Ray White Open House listings into his busy day).

* In addition, the Association donated a cheque for \$150 to the Salvos.

- Rumour was that Robert had ideas for next December involving a Nativity Tableau in the Park with Island children acting out the Christmas Story and a gold coin donation going to a local charity. He would have been looking for some adult volunteers to form a small choir and for those musicians amongst you to provide an informal musical back-up. If there are any residents who would like to take over the organisation of such an event then contact me on 4342 1403 if you would like some coverage in The Island News.

Beautification of Island Entrance

Meetings have taken place with representatives of Gosford City Council to develop a design and construction program for a decorative, welcoming entrance wall at the bottom of the bridge with complimentary landscaping. We have also approached Council with the idea of getting together a working bee of residents to paint the bridge railings.

Pontoons and Boat Ramps

Discussion is continuing with Council regarding removing the condition of a caveat with respect to the installation of pontoons. It is also anticipated that official consent will not now be necessary on existing ramps where they are seen to be kept in good order.

Mobile Library

We are still hoping to be included in the mobile library circuit. Provision might depend on sufficient numbers making use of the service, so if you are interested then please leave your name with any committee member and we shall make representation on your behalf.

Clean Up Australia Day

The annual Clean Up Australia Day was held on Sunday 3rd March, with the Association once again coordinating activities on the Island. Five volunteers collected several bags of garbage mainly consisting of plastic bait bags, miscellaneous fast food packaging and drink cans and bottles which had been washed onto our shores.



Thought for the Quarter

You may be one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person. Please let me know if you have a thought or good joke suitable for printing which you would like included in our next publication. *Ed.*

Coming Events

AGM - 7.30pm Thursday, 14th March at Peridon Hall.

Friendship Hour Meetings - 6.30pm every Thursday at 6 Sirius Street. Tel: 4342 1234.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER AND FOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PERSON(S) PROPOSED
POSITION(S) PROPOSED
SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE
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SIGNATURE OF SECONDER

Nominees and nominators must be paid-up members of the Association.

Ray White

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Editorial note: If you have items of news which might be of interest to other residents, please contact Joan on 4342 1403 or Bob on 4342 1061. Copy deadline for the June issue is 31 May. Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Editor or the Committee.