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June Quarterly General Meeting

All residents are invited to attend the General Meeting in The Cove Hall, Empire Bay Drive, Empire Bay Drive, Empire Bay on Thursday June 11, 2015 at 7.30 pm.

At this meeting your executive has invited:-

Kim Radford Coordinator Passive Open Spaces/Culture Gosford City Council to discuss the matter of provision of play equipment in Attunga and Solstice Reserves.

AND

Our new local, member The Hon. Adam Crouch MP Member for Terrigal to attend the meeting.

The meeting is an open forum where all matters of interest to Island Residents can be discussed.

A small plate of food would be appreciated

Ron Spratt OAM
President
March 2015

New Committee

A warm welcome is extended to our new committee members, Secretary Annabel McMillon, committee members Helene Cornwell, JoAnn Edwards, Kim Blake and Julie Piper. I look forward to their new invigorated input to the island and our outlook for the years ahead.

Ron Spratt OAM
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NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL & ADVERTISING

Any information can be forwarded to Neville Smith (Editor) 86 Helmsman Blvde for inclusion in the Island Newsletter which is produced every 3 Months. Each issue has deadlines so make sure any information is submitted early. Email: neville@herculesindustries.com.au

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CANCER COUNCIL BIG CUPPA

A rather small gathering of dedicated island residents attended the Cancer Council Big Cuppa on May 23rd and raised a credible amount of \$575.00 for the charity. The weather on the lead up to the event didn't look too flash and may have been a contributing factor of the turnout. Those who attended enjoyed the the proliferation of homemade cakes, scones, biscuits and sandwiches washed down with hot tea and coffee. As always it is a great social event for the residents.

Thanks to our sponsor for the day Raine & Horne St Huberts Island for their generosity in the sponsorship of the event

Our utmost thanks though must go to Neville and Marilyn Smith who hosted the event in their home. Neville and Marilyn are always generous with their hospitality and willing to host events to the betterment of island residents.

THANKS NEVILLE & MARILYN.



Attention Dog Owners



Dog owners have a responsibility to clean up after their pets and not leave others to walk in it. It takes little effort to carry a suitable receptacle and take the mess home with you. Heavy fines apply for failure to remove dog faeces, dogs not on a leash in a public place and other offences.

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St Patricks Day

ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS AGAIN SUPPORTS THE WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER SERVICE

St Huberts Island residents and friends again celebrated St Patrick's Day 2015 with a fund raiser for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service and raised in excess of \$2900.00 for the service.

Neville and Marilyn Smith opened their doors and incited residents and friends to enjoy a day of celebrations for St Patrick's Day. Sponsors for the day and the monster raffle included Bendigo Bank Ettalong Beach, Coles Supermarket Woy Woy and Edwards Family Butchery Woy Woy. St Huberts Island Residents Association Inc., and many others. All present opened their pockets to donate to this wonderful community service the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.

Entertainment for the day was provided by that great local entertainer Kerri Lewis who donated her time for the enjoyment of those present and a great afternoon was had by all.

A sausage sizzle and home brewed refreshments were the order of the day. Many thanks to Neville and Marilyn Smith for their generosity in providing the venue and support, also thanks to Kerri Lewis for the wonderful entertainment for the day.



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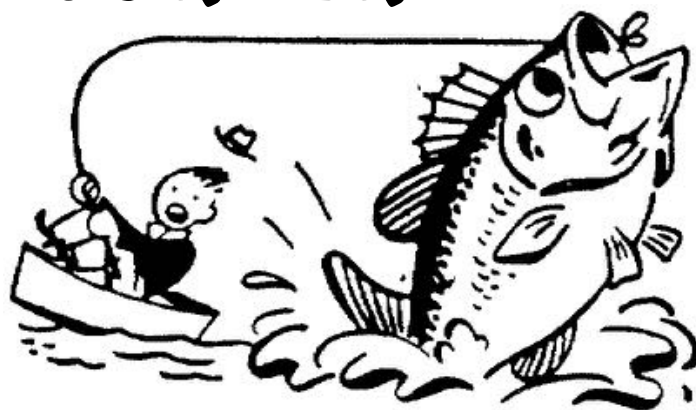
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A few small jewies have been reported around the Rip while some good bream are being taken at night in the Rip area and in the channel around to Empire Bay and up around the moored boats in Gosford Harbour.

Flathead, Salmon and Tailor are plentiful on the beaches while sharks are hovering around at night looking for an easy snack.

Outside, water temperature remains around the 20 degree mark on most days. Boats have to move around to get results.

Schnapper and Morwong seem to be the most caught fish outside.

In the absence of any brag photos from our residents, today's photo is of Island visitor Tyler, showing off his catch at the Island Bridge before it was released.

Ducks and Other Wild Life



Don't feed the ducks - Wild Life officers have again advised that we should not feed bread, etc., to the ducks as this is not a natural food for them and causes the duck distress. Feeding of ducks around the home only encourages them to frequent the home environment including swimming pools in yours and your neighbour's home.

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Membership Now Due for Renewal

It's that time of year once again when membership of the association needs to be renewed. The \$5.00 fees paid go towards the running of the association and the amount has not changed for more than two decades.

Existing financial members will have their membership renewals delivered to their letterbox - residents who are not members are encouraged to complete the application form below and deliver it together with the \$5.00 fee to The Secretary 1/29 Marina Parade St Huberts Island.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

I And family

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Hereby apply to become member/s of the above incorporated association and agree to be bound by the rules of the association for the time being in force. Said rules and Constitution available for perusal from Secretary or Treasurer.

Date

Signature of Applicant

SAFE BOATING

Attention Boat & Jet Ski Owners

Recent deaths and injuries that are caused by water craft accidents are preventable.

The registered owner of a craft has a lawful responsibility to abide by and observe the speed and other rules set down by the Maritime Services. The owner is responsible for the behaviour of any person allowed to be in control of the craft. Firstly any person in charge must be licenced.

Towing of children on tubes or boards at speed is very dangerous and has resulted in death.

Craft 5.5 mtr or more in length must be registered. Craft with a motor over 6hp should be registered and the number displayed.

“No Wash” signs are clearly displayed. All St Huberts canals are no wash restricted to prevent erosion and damage to the seawalls, Maximum speed is **4 Knotts, no towing of water skiers.**

Be aware of the safety rules, life jackets etc. Check your craft for fuel, anchors, bucket and lanyard for bailing and oars and rowlocks.

Before going to sea or a few hours cruise let your neighbours know, contact Coastal Patrol on 4325 7929 Report dangerous boating behaviour to Maritime Services.

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- February - Marina View Parade., 1 Assault
- March- Helmsman Bvde., 2 Stealing
- April- Mercator Pde., 1 Stealing

For crimes in progress, ring 000. Report other crimes to Police Assistance Line 131 444 or Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000 if you wish to remain anonymous. These calls are recorded and added to police crime logical statistics.

Paddle around the Island



On Sunday 14th December last year, Mellaney from C-Kyak Gosford, organised a kyak circumnavigation around our beautiful island. About 30 people participated and it was a fantastic day. Weather co-operated and fun was had by all attendees.

Most participants were from off-island but there were some local residents (including myself and Dieter). It was a very good advertisement for our special piece of paradise (not that we need it).

Hopefully this event will become at least an annual activity. I know a lot of us kyak around the island on a regular basis, and it is a great thing to do. However, it was very special to see so many colourful kyaks circumnavigating our island. Try to join in this year! We will get the word out in the December newsletter, look for it and be ready to join in the fun.

Carolynne Mucharsky

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- * Call Council if sewerage is leaking from the vacuum chamber.
- * Call Council if you hear the sound of rushing air at the vent to a vacuum chamber.

DON'T

- * Use toilet deodorisers which hang on the inside of the toilet bowl - they frequently become dislodged and end up clogging the household vacuum chamber - it is preferred that you use the type that hangs inside the cistern.
- * Put tampons, sanitary pads or similar bulky items down the toilet - they clog up the household vacuum chamber - dispose of these items in the rubbish bin.
- * Park cars over the vacuum chamber.
- * Erect gardens, rockeries, paths, driveways or other structures over the vacuum chamber.
- * Place anything on the vacuum lid.
- * Pour fatty substances down the sink as the fat collects in the vacuum chamber and clogs it up.

**To contact Council regarding the above during business hours - call 4325 8446
For after hours emergencies (leaks etc) - call 4325 8222**

Meet my Neighbour: Gail Steele

Hello, I'm Gail Steele and my husband Steve & I have been permanent island residents since 2003 and regular visitors since 1997, vicariously enjoying its waterfront pleasures when my parents relocated to 107 Helmsman after living on the waterfront on Kogarah Bay, Sans Souci, southern Sydney for 43 years.

Steve continued commuting to Barker College (Hornsby) working as their teaching "Head of Commuting" till his retirement in 2006 whilst I began trying to rebuild my home based Ceramics studio here.

Our life's journey which led us to our present happy place in life has been, like most people's, full of twists, turns, ups and downs. So here is a brief (and hopefully not too boring) outline of what led us to where we are now.

I started my adult life as a high school science teacher - a vocation I truly loved.

Life was good - our family grew with 3 beautiful sons as we moved around from our first home in Stanwell Park south of Sydney to Terrigal, to Bathurst - then back to Sydney for me to take up a promotion position in the E Educational toy company I was currently working with.

By this time I'm in my late 30s and life was chugging along beautifully - I'm in a job I loved, being paid very nicely, travelling around the country and overseas - having a good old time...

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And then, out of the blue, with no warning, in February 1992 aged just 40, with 3 young boys (aged 8 to 3) our lives were turned upside down when I suffered a massive brain haemorrhage caused by a bursting aneurism which left me paralysed on my left side and being told I'd never walk again.



Needless to say this brought about a paradigm shift to our family life worsened by the treatment of the afore mentioned toy company I was still working for at this time - they stopped paying me, sent someone around to pick up my company car and basically shattered my world even further! They put me on the scrap heap & underestimated what a tough old gal I was and how much amazing strength and support I'd get from my family and friends.

So, after my experiences of working with too many companies I lovingly referred to as "Negativity Incorporated" (even getting the sack from one) I came the final realisation that I had to be in control of my own earning capacity and be my own boss.



So on the advice of my Doctor and with the continued support of my 'boys', in 1999 I turned my hobby of ceramics into my first business "Gail's Gallery" - a studio I ran from our Beecroft home very successfully until transferring it to St Huberts Island in 2003, changing its name to "Ab. Fab. Ceramics" and here my business has continued to grow, as has my skill as a ceramic artist - I'm not going to bore you with tedious details about this ceramics journey and the growth of a business that I'm passionate about (and actually quite good at) except to say this business continues to grow as I share my love of ceramics with fantastic student (aka friends) and happy customers.

But even though I don't recall ever "killing any chinamen - life still had a few more surprises in store for me. 2010 whilst in England visiting one of our boys & his fiancé, a fall saw my poor old left leg broken in 2 places with a foot that was turned 180 degrees the wrong way, an extended stay in hospital there with bolts and plates in my ankle before finally returning home.



2011 was spent excitedly planning a trip to South Africa for the wedding of our eldest son. Just a month before we're due to head off, a call back after a routine mammogram came up with an unexpected diagnosis - a small but aggressive cancer in my left breast - all I could think of was our wedding of the century and that nothing could be allowed to stop me going to that - *I did make* it to the wedding although bouncing around in a jeep on wildlife safaris after a double mastectomy occasionally proved a challenge!

2014 - just recently saw the unexpected return of this beast, so back onto the chemo/radiotherapy roundabout I go AND even though some of my friends reckon I actually must have killed a whole tribe of chinamen - I'm still here despite at least 2 incidents that could have killed me - I'm not ready to leave just yet - there's still much to do. My only fear is trucks - my doctor reckons - with my strength, it'll be a Mac truck that gets me.

There's absolutely no doubt in my mind that a positive outlook is the secret to surviving all things thrown at us as we go through this wonderful thing called life!

Growing old is mandatory but growing up is a matter of choice - let's all make the best of it whilst we still can!

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