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# The Island News

'The Central Coast's Island in the Sun'

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

<b>2015</b>	Thursday December 10 The Cove Hall	Island Quarterly Meeting + XMAS cheer 7.30 pm (more info in this newsletter)
<b>2015</b>	Sunday December 13 Long Arm Reserve	INAUGURAL St Huberts Island Paddle Regatta 9.00 am (more info in TIDBITS)
<b>2015</b>	Wednesday December 23 Leaving from Marina Cove	Santa and Carols on the Water 5.00 pm (more info in this newsletter)
<b>2016</b>	Friday January 22 (To Be Advised)	Island Dine-Out #2 (Advance Notice)
<b>2016</b>	Thursday March 10 The Cove Hall	March General and Annual General Meeting 7.30 pm (Advance Notice)
<b>2016</b>	Sunday March 20 86 Helmsman Bvd	St Patricks Day Celebration 7.30 pm (Advance Notice)

[If you have an activity or event for Island Residents, email the Editor.]

## Notice

### DECEMBER QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

All residents are invited to attend this General Meeting in The Cove Hall, Empire Bay Drive, Empire Bay on Thursday 10 December 2015 @ 7.30pm.

The meeting is an open forum where all matters of interest to Island residents can be discussed. Guest speaker for this meeting is Roger Palmer from Marine Rescue Central Coast.

A small plate of food would be appreciated to contribute to the Christmas supper after the meeting.

Please stay after the formalities to enjoy the supper, some Christmas cheer and conversation.

## December Quarterly Meeting

### GUEST SPEAKER - Roger Palmer

Roger Palmer, Unit Commander, volunteer Marine Rescue NSW - Central Coast Unit, will address the meeting where he will discuss issues such as:-

- \* his background and why he joined the MRNSW
- \* how Marine Rescue Central Coast was formed
- \* what they do for the community
- \* day to day running of the unit at Point Clare
- \* where Marine Rescue Central Coast are heading.

His topic is something that should be of the utmost interest to all residents and you are encouraged to attend to hear his presentation and ask a few questions in relation to the service provided by Volunteer Marine Rescue NSW.

(Marine Rescue NSW - Central Coast Unit featured in the September 2015 edition of The Island News. See the newsletter edition [here](http://sthubertsisland.nsw.au/data/documents/2015-No-3-September.pdf) - <http://sthubertsisland.nsw.au/data/documents/2015-No-3-September.pdf> ).

Each General Meeting, the Association would like to invite a Guest Speaker to inform and excite Island Residents on relevant or interesting subjects. If you have a suggestion for a guest speaker, contact Ron Spratt, the Island Association's President on 4343 1540 or email him at [websitecontact@sthubertsisland.nsw.au](mailto:websitecontact@sthubertsisland.nsw.au).

## Call from the Secretary

- \* Email addresses  
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- \* Annabel looks forward to meeting more Island Residents at the next General meeting - see above.

Contact Annabel McMillan at [secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au](mailto:secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au)



## Report

### Neighbourhood Watch

The following crimes were reported to police from August to October 2015 -

August	Marina View Parade	1 stolen vehicle/vessel
September	Beachfront Parade	1 stolen vehicle/vessel
October	Marina View Parade	1 stealing
	Cuttlefish Parade	1 stealing

*NOTE: Available police crime reports do not differentiate between stealing vehicles or vessels.*

#### Outboard Motor Security

In October a 5hp Yamaha outboard motor was stolen from a boat in Cuttlefish Parade. To discourage theft of light and portable outboards, chain and padlock outboards to the boat.

#### Ring 000 for crimes in progress

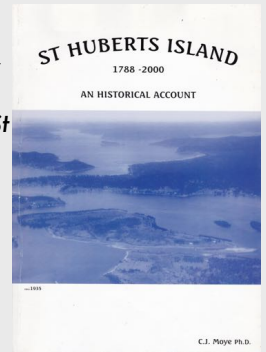
For other crimes ring Police Assistance Line **131 444** (24/7 - report a crime) or Crimestoppers **1800 333 000** - a community based program to collect crime information if you wish to remain anonymous.

## HELP!

### Call for Sub-Committee members

#### St Huberts Island History Book - Reprint and Update

After 15 years of sales, the Association finally ran out of copies of the 88 page "St Huberts Island 1788 - 2000 An Historical Account".



The Committee is investigating the reprinting of the original version of this book. This investigation will also consider the need to update the book including pre-1788 and 2000 - 2015 history of St Huberts. We are calling for interested residents to join a sub-committee maybe aiming for "St Huberts Island Pre-1788 to 2015: An Historical Account".

The Sub-committee brief would be -  
To reprint the original book:

- investigate the optimal method to re-print the original book if needed, re-source original material and prepare copy for printing
- carry through the printing process

To update the original book:

- investigate the possibility of adding a pre-1788 section
- investigate the possibility of adding a post-2000 section
- source material for these new sections
- prepare new materials and copy for the printing process

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The van visits specific boat-ramps on specific days and times. Most importantly stock is limited, and they do have a cap of two auto-inflatable yoke style lifejackets to any one person. The van has credit card and EFTPOS facilities and they will trade-in any old lifejacket.

So... get there sooner than later, and if they run out, try again at a different boat-ramp.

View the map and full calendar for boat-ramp Old4New trade-ins at [maritimemanagement.transport.nsw.gov.au/lifejackets/old4new/index.html](http://maritimemanagement.transport.nsw.gov.au/lifejackets/old4new/index.html).

Product	With trade-in price	Without trade-in price
Pro-Fit Automatic	\$80	\$105
Auto Inflatable	\$65	\$90
Manual Inflatable	\$65	\$90
Waistbelt Inflatable	\$50	\$70
Regatta Adult	\$55	\$65
Regatta Child	\$45	\$55
Raider Child 4-6 and 8-10 Years	\$75	\$85
Raider Child 1-2 Years	\$65	\$75
Crewsaver Kite Buoyancy Aids S/M, M/L, XL	\$60	\$80

Within a 5km radius of St Huberts there will be six boat-ramps visited on 13, 14 and 15 May 2016. See these boat-ramps below - and LOOK FOR THE VAN.

If you miss out at these boat-ramps, within a 15 km radius from 8 May to 22 May there are five other boat-ramps from Brooklyn to Terrigal.

And if you want to travel and get them sooner, at a 50 km radius there are 27 other "boat-ramps" from 12 December 2015 to 29 May, north and south of us - Silverwater to Gwandalan.

**5km radius boat-ramps for New4Old lifejacket trade-ins**

Fri 13th May 2016, 7:00am - 10:00am  
ETTALONG BEACH The Esplanade

Fri 13th May 2016, 2:00pm - 5:00pm  
PRETTY BEACH Araluen Drive

Sat 14th May 2016, 7:00am - 10:00am  
WOY WOY Lions Park, North Burge Road

Sat 14th May 2016, 2:00pm - 5:00pm  
BLACKWALL Blackwall Road

Sun 15th May 2016, 7:00am - 10:00am  
KOOLEWONG SOUTH Brisbane Water Drive, Koolewong

Sun 15th May 2016, 2:00pm - 5:00pm  
DAVISTOWN Restella Avenue, Davistown

**Notice****Santa on the Water**

Rod and Virginia Wenzel will continue their traditional and popular "Santa On The Water" this Christmas. On Wednesday 23 December at about 5pm they will motor around St Huberts Island with Santa and the Brisbane Water Brass Band playing and caroling on board his vessel "Doctors Orders" to celebrate Christmas. Doctors Orders will travel clockwise from Marina Cove and enter all canals, finishing at Sandy Cove/Sandy Inlet then returning the same way. You and your vessel are encouraged to join the fleet when you find it or it passes you. On their return, Rod and Virginia will personally thank band members and their spouses.

**Notice****Ettalong PROBUS Club**

The Probus Club of Ettalong is a friendly combined gender club with 110 members and has just had its 25th anniversary.



Probus Clubs provide the opportunity for active senior members of the community to meet in circumstances which provide companionship and intellectual stimulus.

Ettalong Probus meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month with a 9.15am for 9.30am start at Harrys Restaurant, Ettalong Bowling Club.

Next meeting is 20 January 2016. Enquiries to Ken Lummis, Secretary, Probus Club of Ettalong, ph 4342 3156.

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## MEET MY NEIGHBOUR - Annabel McMillan.

I arrived on the Island when I was four years old back in 1980 - our family home was in Mercator Parade. We had this home until two years ago when my Mum and Dad, Malcolm and Barbara Leete downsized and moved off the Island. It wasn't until I was an adult I truly appreciated my life on the Island. I grew up playing in the parks, at my friends' homes and out in our "tinnies" skurfing! At the time, I thought we were missing out because we didn't have easy access to shops where my other friends hung out. However, looking back now I realise how lucky I was to grow up on "The Island". When I left school I was hired as Receptionist at the big club in 1993 (now Ettalong Diggers) before it was knocked down and rebuilt to what it is today. I stayed at the Club for seven years and I left to head to the big smoke to follow my career in Human Resources. However, this wasn't before a sneaky working holiday over to Europe for 12 months. When I returned from my adventures, I came home to Mum and Dad on the Island but quickly moved down to Sydney where I stayed for the next eight years building my career.

My Dad rang me one day back in 2009 and said there is a house for sale on the Island which I think you would love... at this stage I had no intentions of returning to the Central Coast, but if I did, I knew it was the Island where I would live. I thought I had nothing to lose, so I organised with the realtor to view the 'Villa' and as soon as I walked through the front door I fell in love and promptly bought it from Richard and Robin Gilchrist from Mainsail Avenue.

Later in the year, I gained a new job - thankfully on the Coast, a new home and a beautiful Pomeranian named Cooper. Not to forget to mention my best friend bought the Villa behind me only a few months later - I was loving being back on the Island.

In 2010, I was very fortunate to be offered the Head of HR role with Belkin Limited responsible for both Australia and New Zealand. They are also located on the Central Coast and I eagerly accepted, and I have just celebrated my five year anniversary with them. As the role is very full on, I was extremely lucky to have my parents just around the corner so they could babysit my Pomeranian which became his 2<sup>nd</sup> home, however since their departure we now have to travel a little bit further!!

Being back on the Island has brought me so much happiness as I recently got married to Jeff McMillan and now my family is complete with his daughter Holly who lives with us on a fortnightly basis. I just hope Holly enjoys the Island as much as I do!

I joined the committee because I am passionate and proud of the Island but also to get to know the residents and be part of this very special community. I take the role as Secretary very seriously and I appreciate everyone's feedback and suggestions on how our committee can contribute to building many great memories for the Island residents. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time on either [secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au](mailto:secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au) or 0413 277 929.



Annabel, Jeff, Holly and Cooper

## Report

## Fundraiser Lunch

## CURE BRAIN CANCER FOUNDATION

A fundraiser lunch for the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation was held at 31 Mercator Parade on Thursday 19th November for ladies from Walkie Talkies (walking group) and others from St Huberts Island. Over 45 people attended and nearly \$1,200 was raised for the Research Foundation which is a very worthwhile cause, whose Patron is the international Brain Surgeon Dr Charlie Teo. Many contributed to the splendid lunch and generous raffle prizes.



If you have a family member or friend touched with brain cancer and would like to donate to the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation, please contact Cheryl Martin on 4369 7547 or email her on [cherylmartin@optusnet.com.au](mailto:cherylmartin@optusnet.com.au). She'd love to hear from you as her extraordinary son is in remission after his recent treatment, and much more research funding is needed to treat this difficult disease.

Cheryl is organising a big fundraising event at Horizons Restaurant over Killcare Beach Lifesavers Club on Friday 4th December at 6.30pm with excellent prizes contributed by local businesses etc, and would like as many people as possible to come to make this a very successful event. Go to the link below for more information.

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**Report****Meet Your Committee of 12 - Part 2****JoAnn Edwards - Committee member**

I was brought up in country hotels in South Australia and at the age of 18 joined the Royal Australian Air Force as a Dental Nurse. Two years later I retrained and became a Dental Hygienist. After serving in the Air Force for 11 years, I was discharged in 1988 leading to my next adventure at a Bar Bistro in Canberra. I had this business for 5 years. After selling the business I moved to Sydney working for a dental company. Meeting my now husband Marc, we went to Airlie Beach in 1995. Here, Marc took over his father's butcher shop and I was Conference and Events Co-ordinator at Daydream Island, of course getting married on the island, and had our first child, Max, while living in the Whitsundays. We returned to Sydney in the year 2000 when I was pregnant with our second child Luke, and we bought a house in Thornleigh. Over the next nine years we bought and sold butcher shops in the area, including Wahroonga, Westleigh, Dural and Beecroft, then selling up and moving to St Huberts Island after purchasing the now, Edwards Family Butchery in Woy Woy.

I have enjoyed every part of my life and even today I am very busy with the Killcare Surf Club, Frigid Digits Winter Swimming group, the P&F at St Edwards College, and the running of the two butcher shops we currently own - Woy Woy and Chittaway Bay. Now I am also on the committee for the St Huberts Island Residents Association. Life's busy but I wouldn't have it any other way.

**Annabel McMillan - Secretary**

Annabel appears as the Meet My Neighbour in this edition - opposite.

**Ron Spratt OAM - President**

President since 2000. Married to Fay for 54 years, an island resident since 1990 after purchasing the property in 1985. A member of the St Huberts Island Drainage Reserves Task Group in 1995, have been instrumental in various surveys for the needs of Island residents including the entry statement. An environmental health officer for 30 years, referee Consumer Claims Tribunal, and Ministerial Appointment to several government boards.

**Martin Wellington - Committee member**

*(In September this year Martin resigned from your Committee after almost a decade of service to the Association. As Editor I have include Martin in this section, as he was a serving member of the 2015 Committee. He submitted this bio to me before his resignation).*

Born in Sydney. Attended Shore, TAS and NSBH schools. Graduated in Mechanical & Electrical Engineering with 1st class honours from Sydney Uni. Two years graduate apprentice in UK. Contract Engineer for 15 years with AEI Engineering in Sydney & Brisbane. Commercial Director of Jones & Rickard in Sydney for 25 years. Consulting Engineer for 2 years. Project Manager with Standards Australia for 6 years. Appointed Fellow IE Aust.

Currently Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator & Committee Member for St Huberts Island and Vice President East Gosford Probud Club.

Married Anna in 1950. Lived in UK, Wingala, Brisbane, St Ives and St Huberts Island since 1998. Anna was an artist and homemaker, but was in a nursing home for 8 years. We celebrated our 65th Wedding Anniversary in February 2015 before Anna passed away in March 2015. We have two sons, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

**HELP!****WATERWATCH**

Waterwatch NSW are "desperately" in need of more groups to monitor our precious waterways.



Get together with a friend or two and spend a few hours per month measuring, recording and reporting water parameters such as - water temperature, pH, turbidity, conductivity, it's dissolved oxygen and phosphorus.

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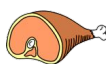
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**SPECIAL REPORT****The NBN on St Huberts Island - Part 3 : THE BASICS**

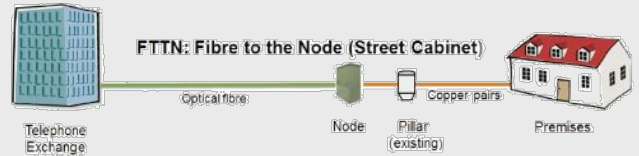
In this 3rd NBN report I investigate what everyone needs to know and do when the NBN arrives on the Island.

Various parties, including the Federal Member for our Island, and a Telstra retail shopfront tell me the NBN should be available at the end of February 2016.

I strongly suspect that Internet users on the Island, fall into two categories -

**I just want it to work.** You couldn't care less about the NBN, or how it works - as long as you get a decent and reliable Internet. You just want to know "*The Basics*"!

**I want to know more about it.** You really would like to know more about this new and faster Internet. I will deal with these people next newsletter.



### **I Just Want It To Work** - so I can get on with things, Internet or otherwise.

Firstly you will be well looked after by your current Internet supplier - it is within their interests to do just that.

Secondly, you have up to 18 months before you **must** change over to the NBN - if you want a landline phone and/or broadband Internet.

However, when the time comes you still need to make some decisions. Your final Internet Retail Service Provider (RSP) will question you on these decisions that are investigated below.

When the NBN is switched on on the Island, there will be an NBN letterbox drop telling us this, and it will include simple information on what you do next. At this time, you may well get swamped with lots of flyers from Internet Retail Service Providers, and advertisements in the local paper - they want your business too.

However... it is almost certain before the letterbox drop, your current Internet RSP will contact you and remove the need for you to read the NBN letter.

Also... you will have the choice to change your current RSP.

Which ever way you go, someone will look after your entire NBN/Internet setup based on your various decisions. Your chosen RSP then looks after all your problems, not the NBN (they only build, maintain and sell wholesale services on the NBN to RSPs).

### **What are these NBN decisions (that we all have to make)?**

#### **\* Medical alarms, back-to-base security systems, fax machines, EFTPOS machines... and more**

This decision is important. As mentioned in [Part 1 of these Special Reports](#) (see our website), once the NBN is switched on, about 18 months later, your copper phone lines will be shutdown and you will lose use of this equipment.

If you currently make use of your phone lines for any of the equipment above (and possibly others), you will need to let your selected RSP know - and then you have about 18 months to make the change over of this equipment to the NBN. Special technical steps are needed for these devices to work on the NBN. Again, ensure your RSP knows about this equipment, and they will look after you.



#### **\* Phones**

For the same reason above, you will lose use of your standard copper wired telephone after 18 months.

You can decide any time within this 18 months when to change your telephone over to an Internet telephone. You can run your new NBN Internet and your copper wired phone simultaneously during this time (but there may be Internet speed limitations).

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- \* **NOTE:** For Island Residents Association members **ONLY**.



### \* Internet Speeds

It appears that there will be four speeds to choose from - 12/1 25/5 50/25 and 100/40. The first number is the download speed (to you), the second is the upload speed (away from you), and the speed units are megabits per second (Mbps).

(Technical discussions on the Internet seem to indicate that until your copper phone connection is cut-off, the maximum speed of your NBN will be 12/1. We will wait and see!).

### \* Plans

Depending on your chosen RSP, plans will vary according to -

- residential or business use
- speed in megabits per second
- data quota in GB (gigabytes per month)
- whether your data will be "shaped" or at extra cost if your quota is exceeded
- your phone - existing copper line or Internet phone (VoIP)
- bundling various services together
- extra packs for International and mobile phone calls
- type of VDSL modem (see "inside your home" next)

Your RSP will need answers to these questions.

### \* What you want inside your home



Again, discussions with your chosen RSP will guide you here.

If you don't want to change the way your home is set up for broadband Internet (we are not looking at mobile phone 3G/4G internet here), then all you will need is to replace your current ADSL modem with a VDSL modem. It is very likely this modem will be free.

If you don't have WiFi Internet at home, you can get a VDSL/WiFi modem instead so your various smart phones, tablets, iPads etc can all use your home Internet connection using WiFi (wireless).

Your Internet phone will eventually plug into this new VDSL modem when you decide to change from your copper wired phone.



The next (and last?) NBN newsletter report will answer the question for the 2nd group of Island Residents - "I want to know more about the NBN".

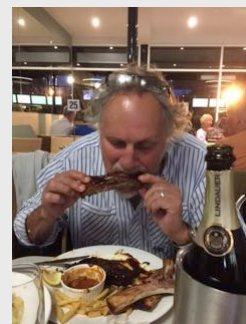
## Report

### Dine-Out #1

We had a very successful Dine-Out Residents Dinner at the Empire Bay Tavern on Friday 9th October.

About 55 residents and friends enjoyed a relaxing and friendly get together with good food and wine.

Many were new residents to the Island and it was a great opportunity to meet each other.



This Island resident confessed to always wanting to try ribs. He got his wish!

There were many requests for another Dine-out so we'll meet again in 3 months time, on Friday 22nd January.

If you have any venue suggestions please forward them to our Secretary at [secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au](mailto:secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au).

Please make a note in your 2016 Diary.

See more photos on the Island's website at [sthubertsisland.nsw.au](http://sthubertsisland.nsw.au).

## Report

### Shannon O'Hagan - Guest Speaker September Meeting

Shannon O'Hagan, Community Liaison Officer Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service, gave a very informative presentation to the meeting and to show appreciation a St Huberts Island apron and cap were presented to her.

It was some years ago that the Island Association heard of Shannon O'Hagan and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. An immediate liaison was formed with our own Neville and Marilyn Smith inviting the service to be the charity supported by their St Patrick's Day celebration which has for some years been an Island Association feature event.

Over the years more than \$10,000.00 has been raised at the St Patrick's Day events which, as Shannon puts it, is a great local contribution to the service which relies most heavily on community support.



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## TidBits...

### \* Inaugural St Huberts Island Paddle Regatta

Sunday 13th December, 9 am, Long Arm Reserve

We've chosen a day with a very high tide for our inaugural PADDLE REGATTA around our Island so there is no chance of going aground.

Starting at 9 am at Long Arm Reserve we'll paddle clockwise by kayak, canoe, paddle board or raft into each of our 6 canals where we'll stop at a welcoming host flying identifying hunting who has volunteered to register your arrival and provide refreshments and a short rest. You then paddle into each of the canals for a similar welcome, finishing sometime after 11 am back at Long Arm Reserve for a hearty welcome by your family, friends and a picnic.

This is not a race, just an enjoyable morning of paddling with new and old friends, experienced or inexperienced, and the stopovers are meant to revitalise the less fit amongst us. It should all be good fun! All ages can take part.

Those with a spare canoe or kayak please let me know and I'll put you in touch with someone who'd like to join us but doesn't have one - they should make contact with me as well.

This adventure is dependent on the weather and you'll be contacted by email if we have to call it off.

I'd also like to hear from anyone in the canals who would like to be a welcoming host.

With a change of organiser, would you please register your interest with Helene Cornwell at 4342 1251 or email

[helene.cornwell@optusnet.com.au](mailto:helene.cornwell@optusnet.com.au) with your contact details and whether you are paddling singly or with a friend.

*NOTE this is not an Association organised event and no responsibility can be accepted by the organisers.*

**(Photo - last year's kayak around the Island)**



### \* BEWARE Razor Clams

They are dangerous to feet. These fan shaped clams grow up to 50 centimetres or more in length, and bury themselves in seagrass sediment and sand leaving thin sharp protruding lips which have sliced the skin of many unsuspecting swimmers and boaties. Razor Clams - or Razor Fish - are native to Brisbane Water and Lake Macquarie and

found around the coast of Eastern and Southern Australia.

The clams can live up to 18 years and their shells have growth rings similar to trees which can be used for scientific analysis.

They may act as time machines to the past and so could be used as pollution bio-indicators. Razor clams are edible and can be found in French and American fish markets. The French cook them in a coconut broth with ginger, chillies, lemongrass, tamarind pulp and fish sauce and the recipe can be found on the Internet.



**(Photo - Grand-daughter Amelie posing with a clam dug up at low tide in the channel leading to open water in front of Mercator Pde)**

### \* Tennis @ Empire Day

Tennis at Empire Bay Courts. Mondays 2-4 pm winter; 4-6 pm summer. Also Wednesday 8-9 am tennis at Empire Bay. Contact Helene Cornwell on 4342 1251.

### \* Short Walks

Ettalong to Umina then coffee every Wednesday morning at 9 am. Check with Carolyn Smith on 4341 1931.

### \* Community Choir

Choir - The Tangelos, Community acapella choir. Meets Wednesday evenings. Contact Kerry Cooper 0412 417 978.

### \* U3A - University of the Third Age

U3A is an international organisation whose aims are the education and stimulation of mainly retired members of the community - those in their third 'age' of life. Courses, lectures, music, painting and outings. Contact 0408 704 701 and see more at [www.nsw.u3anet.org.au](http://www.nsw.u3anet.org.au).



### \* Garden Club

Meets every second Monday of month at 10.30am at different venues. Contact Helene Cornwell on 4342 1251.

### \* Free!!

Four children's bikes suitable for ages 3 - 6 years, but in need of some TLC. These bikes were rescued from (Island resident) Kay's front lawn about 12 months ago. After considerable efforts from her, no one has claimed them. Call Kay on 0412 170 355.

### \* Gentle Yoga

Meets 9.30am Friday at Empire Bay Community Hall. Contact Julie on 4369 8735.

### \* FISHO'S Corner

A few jewies are on the prowl and at their usual grounds such as the Rip Bridge and in Broken Bay.

The Hawkesbury River is showing a few jewies around the bridges.

Inside, the flatties are biting by day and the bream by night.

Nice hails of bream are being caught at Davistown, Empire Bay and around the Rip Bridge.

Big whiting are being caught on Umina Beach but beach worms are a must for bait for good results.

At last the blue swimmers have arrived in the Brisbane Water system.

No anglers have supplied the editor with photos of the one that didn't get away - maybe next Newsletter?

Have you caught a fish or two lately and want to brag or share your luck with our readers, simply email your picture/s to the Editor of The Island News.

The Ettalong Hotel Fishing Club and the Ettalong Diggers Fishing Club are always looking for active members. If interested in joining either or both clubs, see Ken, Nev or Richard at the Christmas General Meeting on 10 December 2015 for further details.

Tight lines!, Ken

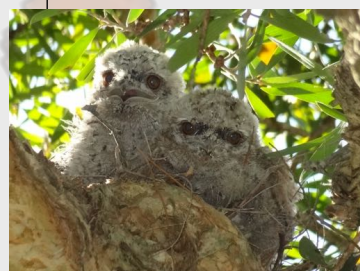
### \* Island BBQ Report

The hugely successful St Huberts Island Family BBQ was held on Sunday 1 November. A detailed report, including photos and two movies (including a Zorba's Dance) can be found on the Island's website at [sthubertsisland.nsw.au](http://sthubertsisland.nsw.au).

### \* Two new Island residents

There was a major disruption to the normal life of residents of Discovery St late in November. A Mother and Dad are the proud parents of two tawny frogmouth chicks. Frogmouths partner for life, stay in their territory for a decade or so, and lay one to three eggs.

Although frogmouths are nocturnal, they **are not owls**. Frogmouths catch (typically) insects, spiders, worms, slugs and snails with their



beaks, unlike owls which use their feet and tear prey apart. While owl eyes are front-facing, frogmouth's eyes are slightly side-facing.

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## From the Editor...

Another full newsletter - there is so much to tell/show/inform, that this one is overfull again. In fact I've almost filled the March newsletter as well!

Finally - a big thanks to Mike Waller of Peninsular Office Supplies at Umina. He gives our Community organisation a significant discount in printing this high quality newsletter.

Any comments regarding the newsletter email me at [islandnews@sthubertsisland.nsw.au](mailto:islandnews@sthubertsisland.nsw.au).

Steve