

# The Island News

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

2016	Sunday March 6	Clean Up Australia
	Bottom of the Bridge	9 am to 11 am (see TIDBITS)
	Sunday March 6	Monthly Kayak around the Island
	Long Arm Reserve	9 am (see TIDBITS)
	Thursday March 10	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
	The Cove Hall	7.30 pm (see INSIDE)
	Sunday March 20	St Patricks Day Celebration
	86 Helmsman Bvd	11 am (see INSIDE)
	Friday April 1	Island Quarterly Dine-Out - 2016#2
	Empire Bay Tavern	6.30 pm (see TIDBITS)
	Saturday May 28	BIG CUPPA - Biggest Morning Tea
	86 Helmsman Bvd	9.30 to 11 am (Flyer coming to your letterbox)

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

## Notice

### MARCH GENERAL and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*All residents are invited to attend the meeting in The Cove Hall, Empire Bay Drive, Empire Bay on Thursday March 10 2016 at 7.30pm.*

*This is an open forum where all matters of interest to island residents can be discussed.*

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

## March ANNUAL GENERAL Meeting

### GUEST SPEAKER - Stephen Steele - "NBN guru"?

Stephen Steele is an Island resident and an Association Committee member, where amongst other roles, he provides the technical advice for the Association. He has more than 17 years experience in the technology education sector, where he had the chance to become a "well-balanced nurd" educator.

Needless to say, when the NBN was announced many years ago he closely followed its technology, and the ups and downs of its introduction. Being a realist, when the 2nd version of the NBN was announced he embraced it and is now looking forward positively to its introduction to St Huberts.

Many people on the Island (... and Australia) are confused about the NBN. They know it is all about faster Internet (and whatever that leads to), but when it arrives at their community, they aren't sure what to do next, or its repercussions.

At this Island Association meeting he aims to help residents understand the NBN better, the connection of the NBN to their house, how to use it and what happens to your telephone.

**Questions for the floor will welcomed and encouraged.**

He is now connected to the NBN and is "happily" using it for his Internet and VoIP home telephone, and is ready to help other Islanders.

**If you want to know more about the NBN or ask questions... come to the meeting.**

**STOP  
PRESS**

**Ron Spratt  
steps down  
as Association  
President**

*At Annual General Meetings, all positions in the Committee are made vacant, nominations are taken and the election of new office-bearers and ordinary committee members occurs. This year after 16 years in office, Ron Spratt will not be standing for re-election as President.*

*In these 16 years Ron has contributed significantly to the St Huberts Island community.*

*Turn to the next page for his last "A word from the (retiring) President" that, amongst other comments, covers just a few of the issues Ron has presided over.*

## A Word from the (retiring) President...

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have acted as President of the Island Association for the past sixteen (16) years, and to have worked with a dedicated bunch of Committee members who have work extremely hard for the betterment of St Huberts Island. To have presided over many issues of concern to residents has been a pleasure.

Those issues included;-

- Finalisation of guide-lines for boating facilities in the canals of the island from the St Huberts Island Drainage Reserves Task Group in 1995, to DCP 145 finalised in 2006 and to ensure these guide-lines are included in the Gosford LEP 2009;
- Overseeing of several questionnaires which gave guidance to the committee in respect of the needs and wants of the St Huberts Island community;
- Provision of a new and bold entry statement to the island including an avenue of palms at little or no cost to residents;
- Be in a position to arrange and chair public meetings where issues were of concern to residents including prosecution by Council of residents for protecting their sea-walls by sand nourishment of the canal floor;
- Negotiating with Ausgrid over many issues of concern to residents in respect to the power upgrade of the island, and arranging and chairing a volatile public meeting on the matter;
- Being in a position to make urgent representation to Gosford City Council and other government agencies on matters of concern to residents as and when the need arose;
- The provision of park furniture in several of the reserves of the island;
- Overseeing the collection and use of funds collected from residents in respect to license fees paid to Gosford City Council for pontoon/walkway structures erected in the canals;
- Overseeing and ensuring residents obtain value from the funds of the association;
- The upgrading of play equipment in Attunga and Solstice Reserves;
- Patrick's Day and St Huberts Day Island Barbecue have been activities that have provided consistent activities enjoyed by residents and friends of the island.

From the perspective of a President it is necessary to work with the other members of the Committee which has been very diverse over the last 16 years, and congratulations must go to all of the committee members over those years for their productive and dedicated efforts on behalf of the community.

Many thanks to all committee members who have given of their valuable time and made a very valuable contribution to the Committee deliberations and to the betterment of St Huberts Island.

There has been a revived interest in Committee membership and I now believe it is time for me to move on.

I wish the new committee all the very best in their endeavours and look forward to seeing the progress they make to maintain St Huberts Island as the premier residential address on the Central Coast.

Ron Spratt OAM  
President - March 2016

## Report

### Neighbourhood Watch

Good Xmas news! There were no crimes on the Island reported to police in November and December 2015. In January 2016 the following crimes were reported:-

January 2016	Helmsman Bvd	1 stealing
	Nautilus Cres	1 stolen vehicle or vessel

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

Another reminder of Outboard Motor Security...

In October last year 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.



## Annual General Meeting - 2016

### Nomination of Committee members to the new Committee

Nominations for the election of: **President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee members**

- **Person Proposed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **For Position:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Nomination by (two members of the Association):**

_____	_____
(nominator name)	(nominator signature)
_____	_____
(nominator name)	(nominator signature)
- **Consent of the candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(candidate signature)

Deliver or scan/email to the Secretary before the day of the AGM at -  
\* 1/29 Marina View Parade, St Huberts Island OR \* [secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au](mailto:secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au)

**NOTE: Nominees and Nominators MUST be paid-up members of the Association.**

**Notice**

**St Patricks Day celebration**

**Keep this day free and come along**

St Patricks Day will be held again, this year on Sunday 20th March under the "Big Marquee" at Neville and Marilyn Smith's front lawn at 86 Helmsman Boulevard. Again, we are raising funds for the Westpac Helicopter Service.

**ALL FUNDS raised on the day go to them.**

**Last year we raised almost \$3000.**

**Let's give them more this year**

Entertainment on the day will be provided by Keri Lewis and Richard Chalkley. Everyone in attendance in past years have been totally thrilled by our performers. Keri is a regular performer, and this year is joined by Richard - both are local entertainers.

It will be a GREAT day with heaps of raffle prizes, free sausage sandwiches, and soft drinks for the KIDS.

The cost for the day is \$10 donation per person, OR if a Tax Receipt is required your donation needs to be \$20 and can be claimed back through your tax return.

This cost entitles you to all drinks on the day PLUS delicious Edwards Butchery Sausage Sandwiches. A BBQ is available if you want to bring and cook your own meat. We will have a slushie machine (alcoholic in two flavours), home-brew keg, "Guinness" Irish stout, Irish whiskey and many other drinks.

If you cannot attend and would like to make a donation, you can put your donation in an envelope addressed to St Patricks Day with your name (and address for \$20 donations), and drop it into the letterbox at 86 Helmsman Boulevard.

**All Proceeds collected on the day go to the Westpac Helicopter Rescue Service.**

**CAN YOU HELP?**



No-one has ever paid to be transported by the Westpac Helicopter Service!

**From the SECRETARY**

**Another call for email addresses.**

The Association continues to make greater use of emails to Residents.

To date we have emailed several notifications and "what's-ons" that would normally be in the newsletter only. These include: St Huberts Day BBQ; kayaking activities around the Island; General meetings; Clean Up Australia info; Island Dine-Outs; St Patricks Day get-together; and more.

Currently about 30% of residents have supplied their email addresses - we would like more.

Email the Secretary with you permission to use your email address at [secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au](mailto:secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au).

**Report**

**FISHO'S Corner**

In the Brisbane Water, flathead are plentiful with some reported hitting the 5kg mark, however most are in the 1kg to 1.5kg range.

A few soapie jewies are on the prowl at the Rip along with some bream at night.

Nice whiting and bream are also being caught from Umina Beach and the new rock wall at Ettalong.

Ettalong Hotel Fishing Club and Ettalong Diggers Fishing Club are always looking for active fishos to join their clubs. For further details contact Ken, Nev or Richard at the Annual General Meeting.

Today's photo is of a new Island resident, Jackson with a nice plate sized Flounder caught in Marina Cove.



Have you caught a fish or two lately and want to brag about it to our readers? Simply email your pics as well as details, where, when caught etc to the editor of the Island News at

[islandnews@sthubertsisland.nsw.au](mailto:islandnews@sthubertsisland.nsw.au).

Tight Lines! Ken



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## MEET MY NEIGHBOUR - Stan Donnellan.

**A strange thing happened the other day...**

An obscure "junk" message arrived at the Island's Facebook page in early October. It was almost trashed after a quick scan! Just as well!!

What an amazing and heartwarming story, and the result that came from it!

The full story is a bit too long to appear here but to keep it short, here goes...

Island resident Stan Donnellan was a 22 year old WWII pilot shot down over Italy near Fagiolaia in 1944. After travelling on foot for six to seven kilometres, Stan was eventually rescued by some Italian farmers who protected him for 40 days until the Resistance got him to the Americans.



Francesco Bertelli - great grandson of Angiolino Bertelli who helped rescue Stan

For almost 20 years, a 25 year old Italian man called Francesco Bertelli has been thinking about and searching for Stan - which included contacting the Australian Embassy and lengthy Internet research, but unfortunately he had Stan's family name spelling incorrect.

Francesco is the great grandson of Angiolino Bertelli who was one of the Italian farmers who helped rescue and hide Stan in their farmhouse near Casciana Terme. These actions, and Stan, entered into the Bertelli family history, and was passed down through the generations as an example of selflessness and courage.

It was in October last year that Francesco stumbled across the online Daily Telegraph/Central Coast Express Advocate's 9th January 2015 article on Stan and Margaret's 70th Wedding Anniversary, which included Stan's WWII experiences. Francesco now knew he had finally found Stan, that he lived on St Huberts, and then eventually found our Facebook page. And this is the Facebook post we almost trashed!

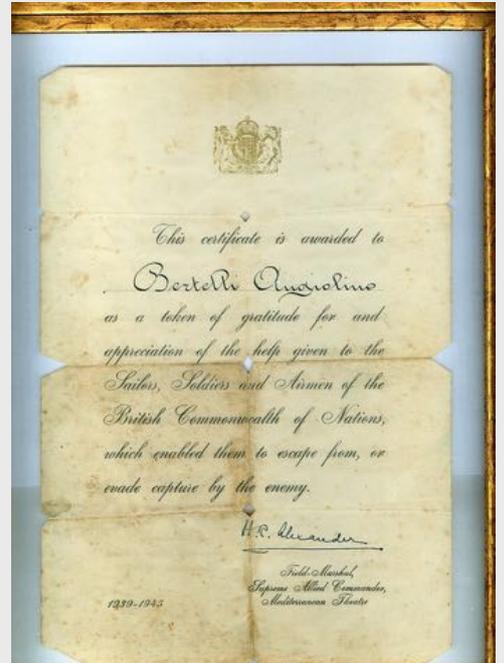
Francesco provided me with all sorts of memorabilia, and I visited Stan with printouts of Francesco's Facebook messages, historic family photographs, translated pages of the Bertelli's family history and a certificate presented to Angiolino from the Supreme Allied Commander - Mediterranean Theatre for rescuing Stan.

If Stan is up to it, the Editor hopes to follow this story to see how the contact has progressed.

**Watch this space...**



Angiolini's son, Giorgio - Francesco's Grandfather



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**Report**

**Meet Your Committee of 12 - Part 3**

This is the last of the "Meet Your Committee" 2015-16 - all 12 members have now been met with - just in time for the new elected Committee.

**Alick Anderson - Vice President**

Alick has served on the Committee for four years - three as Secretary and this year as Vice President.

**Kim Blake - Committee member**

Having left Sydney in 2000 to live up on the border at Terranora, I said "never" to returning to Sydney. At the end of 2009 a return was necessary and to The Central Coast we came. We have lived here on The Island for 3 years now and just love it.

I'm retired and Rod only works 1 or 2 days a week which enables us to enjoy our semi-retired lifestyle including walking... at least 8-10km twice a week, and travelling which we do often.

We have 4 sons aged from 26 to 40, and three beautiful grand children aged nine, five and three.

We don't have a pet as such... but we do have Pete the Pelican who visits us daily and sometimes stays for hours on the deck. I love Pete. Rod... ummm... thinks differently!!

Both Rod and I have been involved in the motor industry for most of our working lives, so we both enjoy old and new 'toys' - Rod has a '66 Mustang which will be our next project.

I am a very keen Bingo player and enjoy my kayaking and gardening. I am also considering golf although they tell me that golf just ruins a good walk!

We have been very busy setting up our home in Marina View Parade which is finally coming to completion much to our excitement, and we are very lucky to be surrounded by great neighbours and friends.

**Frank Hodgekiss - Vice President**

Frank retired from his importing business in 2006. In 2010 after his wife passed away, he moved from Ryde to Ettalong and then St Huberts Island.

Frank has been involved in numerous community committees for almost 60 years. His interests apart from his family are:- fishing, gardening, bowls and traveling, having visited over 70 countries.

**Neville Smith - Committee member**

Neville featured in the Meet My Neighbour section of the September 2015 edition of The Island News. See this newsletter at the Island's website at [sthubertsisland.nsw.au/island-news/island-news-archive/](http://sthubertsisland.nsw.au/island-news/island-news-archive/).

**Report**

**Santa on the Water - Xmas 2015**

Santa hit the water again for the 2015 Christmas season. Thanks to Rod and Virginia Wenzel and their boat "Doctors Orders", a bright sunny day allowed Santa to visit all of the canals around The Island, while the Brisbane Water Brass Band filled the air with many familiar and popular Christmas carols.



A significant and very successful change this year was the invitation for all boaties to form a flotilla behind Doctor's Orders, as she travelled about the Island's waterways.



Many photos were taken of this "conga line" of boats, but limited space here means only two photos. See all the photos on the Island's website at <http://sthubertsisland.nsw.au/events-reports/event-2015-dec-santa-on-water>.

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**SPECIAL REPORT****The NBN on St Huberts Island - Part 4 : I Want to Know More****The NBN is here... Do You Want To Know More About the NBN at home?**

(This Special Report follows from the Part 3: The Basics report which appeared in the December 2015 Island News. See it online at <http://sthubertsisland.nsw.au/nbn/nbn-special-report-part-3>. The Part 3 report looked at what basics were required to simply get the NBN up and running.)

You have now -

- chosen your RSP - Retail Service Provider. (They provide your NBN, are responsible for your Internet connection, and you pay them for your Internet.)
- notified your RSP if you have special phone devices such as medical alarms, back-to-base security, EPTPOS machines , etc. (They need to make very special provisions if you have these.)
- selected your NBN connection plan, that includes connection speeds, data quotas, data packs, phone connection, other packages, and hopefully the free modem your RSP will give you (if it does what you want - see later).

[In about 18 months the copper phone system is removed. There will be no more ADSL or phones. You have no choice but to change to the NBN... OR use the mobile phone and 3G/4G/5G data systems for Internet access.]

Now... to investigate the more technical aspects of the NBN, we need to follow the NBN/"Fibre to the Node" to your house, then through your house...

**1. Getting to your house**

NBN Co is using Fibre to the Node (FTTN) on St Huberts. This means incredibly high speed optic fibre connects the three Node cabinets on the Island to the Internet, with your selected RSP significantly filling in a missing link at the "NBN building" - this RSP link is called the **Backhaul**, and can be a source of bottlenecks in Internet speeds!

The last part of the connection from the Node cabinet on the footpath to your house is via your normal copper phone wires that Telstra typically buried in the ground.

For many of us, these wires were buried about 1975 - over 40 years ago - and can also cause NBN speed problems. Issues related to degradation of wiring, conduits, pits, connections and length of phone wiring from pillar to your place all determine the speed of your final NBN connection.

While a Umina Beach trial of FTTN in 2015 achieved 90 megabits per second download (under optimal conditions), at the "Listening Post" presentation at Hardy's Bay Club in September 2015 by our Federal member Lucy Wicks and NBN representative Sophie Holman, some interesting (and conflicting?) statements were made -

- that the absolute minimum for an NBN connection would be 25/5 Mbps
- there will be a minimum of 50 Mbps in the FTTN footprint
- copper phone wire will be replaced if needed during construction to achieve guaranteed speeds
- if line quality is not satisfactory, it will be fixed using different technologies
- NBN will replace copper with fibre to reach guaranteed speeds

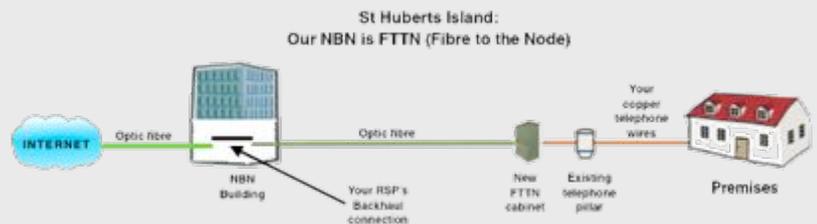
(Some Island residents will be very interested to know all this.)

**2. Your wall socket**

NBN Co's responsibility **stops at the first telephone socket in the house**, as it enters your house from the street.

Everything from there on is your responsibility. You provide any equipment to be plugged in to this socket, ensure quality of cabling in your house (if applicable), Internet connection methods within your house, and all devices connected to the Internet.

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**3. Your VDSL2 modem**

You will need a new modem - a VDSL2 modem, AND probably with a VoIP port (or two) in it. See “7. Your phone” in the next newsletter for more information - or see this full report on the Island website at [sthubertsisland.nsw.edu.au](http://sthubertsisland.nsw.edu.au).

You will also need a DSL splitter if you run your new modem and your old phone from the same wall socket. You should get a splitter with the modem.



By the way - the modem is actually a *modem* (converts ethernet to/from VDSL) and *router* (allows you to connect multiple devices as a network) in one box. Some RSPs call them Broadband Gateways.

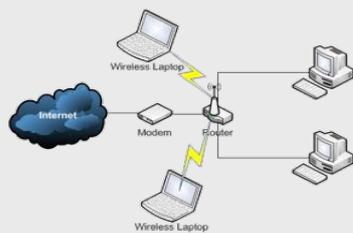
NBN Co’s FTTN technology uses **VDSL2** (*Very-high-bit-rate Digital Subscriber Line 2*) to run high speed internet over existing copper phone wires over short distances. VDSL2 is more efficient than other DSLs as it uses *Vectoring* - a noise cancellation process similar to noise cancelling headphones, and allows for “longer runs” of copper phone wire.

The copper wire telephone network is designed to carry low frequency signals suitable for voice. DSL in its various forms (ADSL/ADSL2/VDSL/VDSL2) travels through the copper phone network at far higher frequencies. While they co-exist over the same copper wires, there can be some interference, so DSL filters and splitters are needed to prevent this.



**4. What’s in your house now, or what you want to do determines what’s next**

What you have or want is very open-ended, and has a multitude of answers.



Do you just want WiFi throughout the house, with WiFi repeaters strategically placed, or multiple Wireless Access Points (WAP’s) around the house? WiFi speed limits, multiple WiFi connections, distances and wall construction material all affect viable WiFi in a house.

Do you want/already have your house wired with ethernet cabling for a possible gigabit network you can connect many devices to? How are you going to use this cabled network - maybe incorporating WiFi, your Smart TV, SONOS system, Network Attached Storage, network printers, media storage, and media playback from Chromecast/PVRs/AppleTV/DLNA devices etc, etc, etc.

**5. Wi Fi network at home**

If you intend only using WiFi at home to access the Internet, then you have two approaches -

1. Get a WiFi/modem/router combination (most likely free from your RSP).
2. Get a modem/router and a separate WiFi router connected by ethernet to the modem/router.

Some people like to have separate components. If one breaks, you can still use the other, and more cheaply replace the broken one. However, most NBN/FTTN modems on offer are all three in one, and probably free from your RSP, or cheap to purchase.

A WiFi router works best if centrally placed in your home - if your NBN phone socket isn’t central (and thus your modem/WiFi/router) then you need to consider WiFi repeaters, or Powerline or Ethernet cabling (see more in the June newsletter, or the Island website). WiFi repeaters are used to get WiFi to areas of your house that have poor signal strength. They are cheap, easy to buy, and will be a separate powered box or a plug pack design plugged directly into a powerpoint. They receive the signal from your WiFi router and amplify and re-broadcast it. WiFi routers can also be chained to each other throughout the house but this shouldn’t be necessary.



**And lastly...** DON’T FORGET to change the default admin password on your new WiFi router. Anyone passing by, parked outside your house, or your neighbours, can connect to your WiFi if they work out the simple default password!

*(This Special Report has been split into two sections due to the amount of material to be covered. The second section will appear in the June Island News, and it will cover Ethernet networking of your home, VoIP phones, and the effects and solutions of blackouts.*

HOWEVER... this entire 2-part report will appear on the Island’s website at [sthubertsisland.nsw.edu.au](http://sthubertsisland.nsw.edu.au) before the March AGM.)

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**SPECIAL REPORT**

**GARBAGE!!**



A chance comment by one of our Committee members “the other day” led me to the Gosford City Council website and their “Gosford City Waste Strategy 2014” document created by a consultant for the Council. It’s not easy to find so go to [search.gosford.nsw.gov.au/documents/00/20/08/72/0020087258.pdf](http://search.gosford.nsw.gov.au/documents/00/20/08/72/0020087258.pdf) to get to it directly.

You might say - “So what, it’s garbage! Big deal! Can you really write an article about GARBAGE!?” Now I try to be a responsible citizen and do all my recycling and so on, but this document really had me glued (sort of anyway!).

**What interesting stuff did I extract (allowing for old data)... ?**

- This report is set in concrete - the council adopted the report at it’s meeting on 24 March 2014.
- It was on public display from 12 December 2013 - like most I didn’t realise this.
- For every tonne of waste dumped in the Council’s landfills, the Council pays the NSW Government \$93, increasing to at least \$123 per tonne in 2015-16. Less than 30% of this is returned to councils by grants. This is designed to encourage councils to recover more waste!!
- Around half of household waste is now diverted away from landfill. This is still far too much though.
- In 2011, we created 620-640 kg per person of household waste and recycling materials.

- What’s in the household red waste bin? —> see the GRAPH
- You can order (at a small cost) a double sized 240L red bin at [lcoast.com.au/Resize-your-Bin](http://lcoast.com.au/Resize-your-Bin).
- 15-17% of a red bin contents could have been recycled. However we’re better than Sydney’s bins with 23% that could have been recycled.

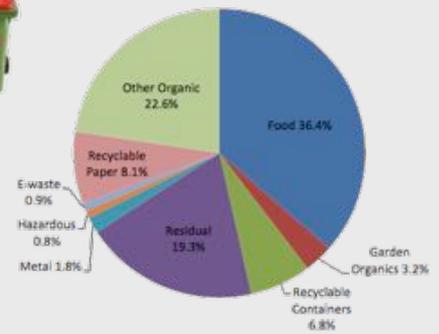


Figure 4-3 Average composition (by weight) of household red-lidded garbage bin Based on data from the Domestic Waste Audit undertaken for GCC in 2011 by APC

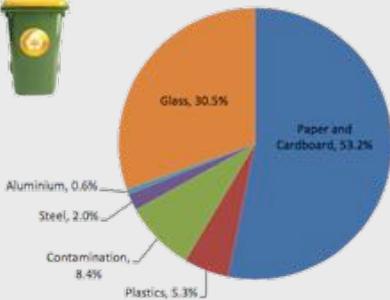


Figure 4-4 Average composition (by weight) of household yellow-lidded recycling bin Based on data from the Domestic Waste Audit undertaken for GCC in 2011 by APC

- What’s in the household yellow recycling bin? <— see the GRAPH
- Our contamination rate for recycling bins is about 8.4% - Sydney is a better 5.4%. Not good Coasties!
- In 2008, a 10 year Waste Collection contract was awarded to the same company by Gosford and Wyong Councils. (Sounds sensible, particularly with the (possible) impending amalgamation.)
- Commingled recyclables collected from all Central Coast households are currently processed at the purpose-built Somersby Materials Recycling Facility (MRF).
- Council currently has its own arrangements in place for processing household garden organics.
- Woy Woy landfill reaches its full design capacity potentially in 2032.

- By 2014 all councils in NSW are legally required to divert at least 66% of their waste away from landfill. This has been a challenge for all councils. Recycling and recovery achieves this. In 2011 Gosford is diverting 48.5%.
- You can book a free bin repair at [lcoast.com.au/Bin-Repairs-and-Replacements](http://lcoast.com.au/Bin-Repairs-and-Replacements).
- You can order extra red, green or yellow bins (at a small cost) at [lcoast.com.au/Additional-Bins](http://lcoast.com.au/Additional-Bins).

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**Recycling factoids**

In 2013 Central Coast residents recycled approximately 38,940 tonnes of recyclables which -

- saved over 107,000 cubic metres of landfill
- reduced the impact of global warming by preventing 19,553 tonnes of greenhouse gases. This is equivalent to permanently removing 4,696 vehicles from the roads
- saved more than 648 thousand gigajoules of energy. This is enough energy to power 3,002 homes for one year
- saved 258 Olympic swimming pools of water. This is equivalent to the annual water usage of 6,895 people.

Garden vegetation bin (green lid)

The green bin is a 240 litre bin that is collected fortnightly.

YES, you can dispose of the below items	NO, you cannot dispose of the below items
* Grass clippings and leaves	* Rocks and soil
* Flowers and weeds	* Vegetable or other food waste
* Prunings, twigs and branches	* Garden hoses
* Untreated timber	* Pots
* Plants and small shrubs	* Treated timber or lattice
	* Plastic bags
	* Building materials

**Alternate ways to recycle**

One persons junk is another's treasure. Check these out online.

- [Freecycle Gosford](https://my.freecycle.org) - at <https://my.freecycle.org>
- [Ziilch](http://au.ziilch.com) - at <http://au.ziilch.com>
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**Second Hand Sunday**

An innovation of Gosford Council that encourages Gosford City residents to hold a garage sale to sell, swap or give away their pre-loved goods. They occur on the second Saturday in February, March, July and November.

Registered sales will only be available for viewing on council's website.

You need to register for an upcoming Second Hand Saturday by submitting an [Online Registration Form](#) on the Council's website. Registrations close on 5 pm the Wednesday prior to the Second Hand Saturday event.

Contact council on 4325 8222 during business hours or email [waste@gosford.nsw.gov.au](mailto:waste@gosford.nsw.gov.au)

**Bulls Hill Quarry**

The Bulls Hill Quarry site (at the bottom of Woy Woy Rd) forms an essential component of Gosford Council's Waste strategy into the future. For the Council to continue to reduce landfill tonnages, the Waste Strategy report puts forward the case for the construction of an integrated Regional Resource Recovery Park at the quarry site as necessary infrastructure. The quarry site needs to be rezoned for this to occur.

*Next newsletter - more about the bins.*

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**Report**

**Discovery Street is (about?) 100 years old**

**DISCOVERY STREET PARTY DECEMBER 2015**

*Just prior to Christmas, close to 40 Discovery Street residents let their hair down and had a street party to celebrate Christmas as well as a "meet-and-greet" of new and not so new Discovery Street residents.*



*It was also suggested by one long term resident that they were really celebrating the Centenary of Discovery Street - and they probably weren't too wrong!*

*Discovery Street is part of the original Island and was not developed by the Hooker Group in the 1970s. Most Certificates of Title are dated in the early 1900's, and Discovery Street is one of the few areas of the Island which still has overhead power and telephone lines - but at least freshly curb-and-guttered.*

**Report**

**Inaugural Paddle Regatta 2015 around St Huberts**

*St Huberts Island held our first Paddle Regatta around the Island on Sunday 13th December from 9-11 am. We had a good turnout of about 30 people in canoes, kayaks, paddle boards, etc, and on our way round we called in to the various canals where residents turned out to cheer and offer us refreshments. It was very popular and we hope to make this an annual event.*



See TIDBITS for info on the NEW regular

Sunday monthly paddle around the Island.



## TidBits...

### ✿ Island Association Hire and Sales

Just in case you never look at the two Association adverts in this newsletter (shame on you!!), the Island Association has various items for sale or hire.

#### FOR SALE:

St Huberts Island BBQ aprons - \$18  
St Huberts Island caps - \$12

#### FOR HIRE: (for Association members ONLY)

3 x Folding Trestle Tables - \$10 each  
Portable PA System with wireless mic - \$20  
Hot Water Urn - \$5 (or free with a table or PA System hire)

Contact the Treasurer, Ken, on 4342 3156

### ✿ WARNING - boats and their trailers being impounded

Boats on their trailers appear to be clogging up many a street in NSW. So much so that the NSW Government has now acted. Until recently only illegally parked or abandoned trailers (with their boats on board) could be removed or impounded.

However from August 2015, any boat trailer - whether registered or not - that is parked on the street must be moved within three months or it will be impounded.

As the Sydney Morning Herald noted in their August 4 2015 article...

*"Consider a fisherman who goes fishing at 3am in the morning and comes back at 2pm in the afternoon and probably puts the trailer back into the same place. He is using that boat every fortnight but as far as council officers are concerned it has been there the whole time."*

### ✿ Letterbox Vegetation

Far be-it for the Editor to whinge... but...

We have been talking to the people who deliver this newsletter. They have made some comments about the battles they are having with your letterbox slots.

Some of the walkers have lost portions of their battle... the slot is inaccessible and the newsletter is reluctant to be inserted!

The problem is VEGETATION in front of your letterbox slot - although not all of you though :-).

So a request from our newsletter deliverers (and probably the postie too), can you please help with access to your letterbox slot. They profusely thank you, as does this Editor.

### ✿ Clean Up Australia Day at the Island THIS WEEKEND

Recently, Residents who submitted their email address to the Association's Secretary, and those who frequent our Facebook page, will have been informed of the upcoming Clean Up Australia Day activity on The Island. For other residents, following is the information on this event.

#### Clean up St Hubert's Island Day Sunday March 6th

Volunteers are needed to join us in helping clean up our wonderful Island as part of Clean Up Australia Day.

To register, prior to the day, jump online to [www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au](http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au) and join our registered site or you can **register on the day at 9 am at the bottom of the bridge.**

Be sure to wear closed in shoes and bring gloves. Clean up bags will be provided on the day.



Suggested clean up sites include Weatherly Parade waterfront, around the bridge and Beachfront Parade waterfront - you can choose your clean up area on the day.

For Further information please contact Julie Piper on 0416 044 231

*\*St Huberts Island Residents Assn Inc is not in possession of any 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance therefore persons attending must adhere to safety requirements of Clean up Australia Day.*

### ✿ Report - Island DINE-OUT 2016#1

We had a good turnout at the Dine-Out at The Empire Bay Tavern on Friday 22nd January with over 30 residents attending.

*See later in this TIDBITS for the next Dine-Out.*



**You can use the free courtesy bus so our Island drivers can also enjoy the evening.** If 'busing', let Helene know when booking, and ring the driver on 0405 578 788 after 4pm on the day.

### ✿ Monthly Sunday Kayaking around St Huberts now a regular activity

The successful Inaugural St Huberts Island Paddle Regatta was held in December of last year - see the report on Page 9 of this newsletter.

Many kayakers who joined us for this regatta were keen to kayak around the Island more often. Our first regular paddle was on Sunday 7th February at Long Arm Reserve at 9 am, and 16 craft (with operators) turned up.

It is now a regular activity, so please come along with your friends and enjoy a group kayak around the Island.

Put the first Sunday of the month in your diary so you'll remember to join us.

For more information, email Helene at [helene.comwell@optusnet.com.au](mailto:helene.comwell@optusnet.com.au) or at 4342 1251.

*\*Just a reminder, the St Huberts Island Residents Assn Inc is not in possession of any 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance. Whilst the Assn. is advertising this event, it is not an sponsored event. Persons attending do so at their own risk.*

### ✿ Next Island DINE-OUT 2016#2

Set aside Friday 1st April at 6.30 pm for our next popular Island Dine-Out in the Smoke House & Grill at the Empire Bay Tavern. This is a great way to meet residents of the Island, especially those new to the Island.

The Smoke House & Grill has the most generous and succulent Full Rack of Beef Ribs or Pork Ribs, Southern Fried Chicken, Pulled Pork Nachos, Shredded Pork and a great variety of Hamburgers including the Veginator. The normal menu is also available.

Please book before Monday 28th March with Helene Cornwell on her email [helene.comwell@optusnet.com.au](mailto:helene.comwell@optusnet.com.au) or phone her on 4342 1251.

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### From the Editor...

A 10 page newsletter this quarter - a biggy brought on by the return of the AGM Committee nomination form on Page 2, and a few extra large articles that have been on the boil for a while (as mentioned in the December "From the Editor"). I also intend pursuing the outcomes of the Meet My Neighbour on Page 4. Next newsletter will probably be back to four pages - but we will wait and see!

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

Steve