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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

2016	Thursday September 15	Island General Meeting <b>DATE CHANGE</b>
	The Cove Hall	7.30 pm (more info in this newsletter)
2016	Friday October 7	Island DINE-OUT 2016#4
	<b>To Be Advised</b>	6.30 pm (watch email, website, Facebook)
2016	Sunday November 6	St Huberts Day Family BBQ
	Long Arm Reserve	11.00 am (more info in this newsletter)
2016	Sat 12 Nov to Sun 13 Nov	Ceramics Exhibition & Wholesale Sales
	107 Helmsman Bvd	10.30 am <a href="http://abfabceramics.com.au">abfabceramics.com.au</a> for info
2016	Sunday December 4	Kayak around St Huberts Island
	Long Arm Reserve	9.00 am (more info in Tidbits)
2016	Thursday December 8	Island General Meeting + XMAS cheer
	The Cove Hall	7.30 pm (advance notice)

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

## Notice

### SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

\*\*\* NOTE DATE CHANGE \*\*\*

All residents are invited to attend the meeting in The Cove Hall, Empire Bay Drive, Empire Bay on **Thursday September 15 at 7.30pm.**

Central Coast Council & GHD Consultants will be present to discuss and answer questions regarding the upcoming Canal maintenance.

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.

## SEPTEMBER GENERAL Meeting

### GUEST SPEAKERS - Central Coast Council & GHD Consultants

#### "St Huberts Island Canal Plan Of Management"

Chris Drinan is a Project Development Engineer at the new Central Coast Council. Chris has been put in control of the development and possibly the implementation of the new Plan Of Management for the Canals on the Island.

Council has engaged GHD Consultants to develop this Plan Of Management. They have experience with similar "canal" type developments including those at Port Macquarie. A representative of GHD will also be present.

They will provide an update on the future project, as well as a Q&A.

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 Rod Blake, the Island Association's President at [president@sthubertsisland.nsw.au](mailto:president@sthubertsisland.nsw.au).



## From the SECRETARY

### We need your email address!

We still need more email addresses.

Contact by letterbox leaflet, this Island News and the website are not immediate enough if we need to notify residents of important activities - email is the best direct option.

### Membership Fees!

We have quite a few new members, but previous members are slow with their renewal.

Email the Secretary for membership renewal at [secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au](mailto:secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au).

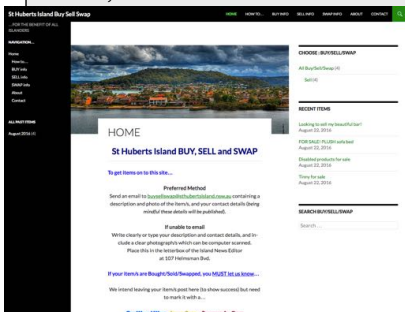
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## A Word from the President!

As we go to print this month a number of issues that we have been involved with seem to be getting closer to a resolution.

A meeting has been held with Central Coast Council's legal team regarding the proposed new licensing issues for pontoons and walkways in the canals. While no final outcome was achieved at this meeting we do believe that we are on track to achieving a better result in the form of a longer licence term than what was originally offered, and hopefully a licence in line with those offered by Crown Lands/Roads & Maritime Services to owners throughout the State.

A survey was distributed to all households regarding the Plan of Management for the Island canals. While a disappointing response rate was received (just 24%!) we would like to thank everyone who did contribute. The canals are a major part of the whole community whether it be boating, fishing, swimming or just watching the sun rise and set. The consultant group that has been employed to address the issues raised will be attending

the September 15 General Meeting @The Cove, so if you wish to hear the latest information make sure you put this date in your diary/phone and come along.

Our website continues to improve (under the guidance of our talented Webmaster Steve Steele)! This month sees the addition of a new service for Island residents with a **Buy, Sell, Swap** page at no charge to residents. This will give you a chance to offload your unwanted items (and more) to one of your neighbours! Read more elsewhere in this newsletter.

Plans are being finalised for this year's St Huberts Day Family BBQ with entertainment for kids and adults alike. The date will be Sunday November 6th. Bring yourselves, children and grandkids along for a fun day out.

Great to see so many residents spending time in Europe to take advantage of summer!!

Cheers,  
Rod Blake  
President - September 2016

### Report

### Neighbourhood Watch

No crimes on the island were reported to police in May or June. In **July** the following crimes were reported:-

Attunga Close	1 stealing
Discovery Street	1 stealing
Beachfront Pde	1 assault

I heard there was money stolen from an unlocked car inside a property in Discovery Street. Police advise there have been a number of robberies from cars recently in Bensville. Hence... lock cars even within your property.

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



**Ring 000 for crimes in progress**

Or... report all crimes to the Police Assistance Line **131 444** or Crime Stoppers **1800 333 000** if you wish to remain anonymous. If you prefer **internet** to phone, you can access [www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au), click on to the **NSW Police Force Community Portal** and complete a non-emergency **Online Police Reports**. The report will be passed on to police in the same way as phone reports to the Police Assistance Line.

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**For Your Information...****DOG POO... and high-tech detection**

St Huberts Island has been chosen by the NSW Government in association with the RSPCA and Gosford Council as a trial area for a new DNA testing of domestic dogs.

St Huberts Island has been selected due to its relative isolation from other dog populations and a relatively small number of animals and homes.

All Island dog owners will be required to have their dog's DNA samples taken by a selected veterinarian (to be advised) over the next few weeks.

A database will then be created.

Your Residents Association committee will then be trained as to how to test samples of dog faeces left in public parks, nature strips and on residents lawns. This will then allow fines to be issued to the offending animal's owners under the Control of Domestic Dogs Act as recently passed by the State Government.

On the 1st of April 2017, the Association will open an email account - [poo@sthubertsisland.nsw.au](mailto:poo@sthubertsisland.nsw.au).

If you are unlucky enough to find a pile on your grass, send an email to this account and the action can then be taken.

If in fact you did read this far, make sure your dog is under control and you pick up its mess rather than hide under the cover of darkness!!

**So... PICK UP YOUR DOG DROPPINGS!!**

**For Your Information...****New Entrance Palms are Coming...**

After watching the Chinese Fan Palms at the entrance to the Island slowly languish and die, your Committee has been in talks with Central Coast Council's Parks and Gardens Department. After an inspection they have agreed to remove them, prepare the soil for replacement palms, and provide and plant new palms.

They have suggested six Kentia Palms as they are hardy, need little care and many Kentia Palms are already flourishing on the Island. These are indigenous to Lord Howe Island and are an attractive medium size palm with a green and white striped trunk, a generous amount of long pendular fronds and red seedpods tucked amongst the fronds.

The Kentia Palms will be 2 metre multi-stemmed palms with the strongest leader remaining after trimming, and the Council's Trade Gardner expects them to adapt and grow quickly.

Council was unable to commit to a time frame for the replacement of the palms but this will be done as soon as time permits. The photo is a semi-mature Kentia Palm on the waterfront at Mercator Parade that gets a lot of exposure to the weather conditions we get in the open area near the bridge.

**Report****FISHO'S Corner**

*Outside good mixed bags have been reported with snapper, flatties, morwong, nannygai and pearl perch topping the list of the species most caught.*

*Inside, flathead and school jewies in the 8kg to 12kg range are being taken around the Rip Bridge at night while bream are plentiful around Empire Bay and the moored boats at Tascott and Gosford Harbour.*

*Blue swimmers which are normally long gone by now are still being caught inside.*

*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 Island General Meeting.*

*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.*

[See Martin Wellington's BRAG in TidBits on the last page.]

**Tight Lines! Ken**

**Next Island Dine-Out****Dine-Out 2016#4**

**Keep Friday 7th October at 6.30 pm free.**

*At the time of this newsletter preparation, the location of the next Dine-Out is yet to be decided.*

*As soon as it is determined, we will email the information to all those residents on the email list (ARE YOU ON IT YET??), and place it on our website and Facebook page.*

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**Report****POOL SAFETY - This Summer!**

As a (likely) long spring and summer swimming season rapidly approaches, it's time to check on your swimming pool... but more importantly (for the benefit of your swimmers) the legal safety requirements of your pool ownership.

*Too many young lives are lost or forever destroyed each year by the most minor of mistakes.*

**Check your pool security now!**

**The relevant Legislation is -**

The Swimming Pool Act controls and defines pools/spas/ponds/portables/fencing, and their requirements and your responsibilities. The Swimming Pool Amendment Act 2012 is an addition to the original Act.

**Swimming Pool Registration**

From 29 October 2013 your pool **must be registered on the NSW Swimming Pool Register** - at [swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au](http://swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au). There is a possible \$220 fine if not registered, and up to a \$2,200 fine if the matter goes to court.

Registration online is free, or \$10 if the Council does this for you.

You will need to complete a **self-assessment checklist** about your pool as part of the registration process.

The pool is registered to the property address, not the owners name. New owners or sellers need to be aware of this, and thus their pool owner responsibilities.

**Swimming Pool Compliance Certificate**

From 29 April 2016 you will need to have a **current Swimming Pool Compliance Certificate** that is valid for three years unless an inspection finds it is non-compliant. An update of your compliance certificate is not necessary unless you are selling or leasing your property.

Council can initially inspect for a Compliance Certificate for \$150, and \$100 for a re-inspection.

Private Certifiers can also inspect and provide a Certificate of Compliance using their own schedule of fees. Use a "phonebook" or the Building Professionals Board online to find one ([bpb.nsw.gov.au](http://bpb.nsw.gov.au)).

A pool found non-compliant after an inspection must get a new Certificate of Compliance, and pay the various inspection fees.

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**Council Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program**

Council has developed an inspection policy determining if/when your pool may be inspected.

The Council application information and form for a Certificate of Compliance can be found at [gosford.nsw.gov.au/about-council/general-information-rates/online-forms-and-payments/certificate-of-compliance-for-a-swimming-pool-application](http://gosford.nsw.gov.au/about-council/general-information-rates/online-forms-and-payments/certificate-of-compliance-for-a-swimming-pool-application).

The Council inspection program applies to swimming pools (both outdoor and indoor) and spas that are situated or installed, on premises on which a residential building, a moveable dwelling or tourist and visitor accommodation is located.

A barrier generally means a fence or a wall, and any gate or door set in the fence or wall.

Their full document is at [gosford.nsw.gov.au/docs/default-source/building-and-development---da-process/building-and-development-forms/swimming-pool-barrier-inspection-program.pdf](http://gosford.nsw.gov.au/docs/default-source/building-and-development---da-process/building-and-development-forms/swimming-pool-barrier-inspection-program.pdf).

Council will inspect swimming pools -

1. Where a swimming pool exists on premises subject to a Development Application.
2. Where a swimming pool exists on premises subject to a Complying Development Certificate application lodged to Council.
3. Where the pool barrier is the subject of a complaint.
4. Where a request to inspect the pool barrier is made by the owner whether required for pool registration or prior to sale or lease of a premises.
5. Where an inspection by Council's authorised officers (other than that required by this clause) reveals an inadequately fenced pool at the subject premises or at neighbouring premises.
6. Where the premises is subject to a Building Certificate application.
7. At three (3) year intervals where the pool is associated with tourist, visitor accommodation and multi-unit developments.
8. Inspections referred to Council by private accredited certifiers who are unable to issue a compliance certificate.

9. Targeted, based on available resources - e.g. pools built prior to 1976.
10. Where Council is provided with information that reveals a pool barrier is non-compliant.

Council will not inspect a swimming pool where there is a valid certificate of compliance or a relevant occupation certificate. A relevant occupation certificate is an occupation certificate issued under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 that is less than 3 years old and that authorises the use of the swimming pool.

The relevant standards for pool barriers are -

All swimming pools are at all times to be surrounded by a child resistant barrier

- that separates the swimming pool from any residential building situated on the premises and from any place (whether public or private) adjoining the premises, and
- that is designed, constructed, installed and maintained in accordance with the standards prescribed by the Swimming Pools Regulations.

Generally this means that a child resistant barrier is required to comply with the Swimming Pools Act 1992 and the relevant Australian Standard 1926.

Access to spa pools is to be restricted in accordance with the Swimming Pools Act 1992 which includes being fitted with a lockable lid.

### Pool inspection self-assessment checklists

There are a large number of checklists - and you need to choose the correct one.

All the checklists can be found as PDF files at [swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au/checklists](http://swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au/checklists).

To find the right self-assessment checklist you will need to know a few things about your pool:

- When was it built or installed?
- If the pool fence or means of access to the pool was substantially rebuilt or altered, when did that last occur?
- What type of pool do you have - indoor? spa pool? outdoor? portable?
- Was the pool built before 1 July 2010. If so, the rules are different if you have:
  - a waterfront property,
  - a small-sized property (less than 230 square metres)
  - or a large property (over 2 hectares).

#### Which pool barrier self-assessment checklist do I use?

Checklist	Used for
Indoor Pool	Use this checklist for all indoor pools, including spas that do not have a lockable child-resistant lid.
Spa	Use this checklist for all Spa pools except indoor spa pools.
Outdoor Pool 1	Use this checklist for outdoor pools built before 1 September 2008 that are not on waterfront, large-sized or small-sized properties.
Outdoor Pool 2	Use this checklist for outdoor pools that were built between 1 September 2008 and 30 April 2013 that are not waterfront, large-sized or small-sized properties. Applies to all pools built between 1 July 2010 and 30 April 2013 regardless of property type.
Outdoor Pool 3	Use this checklist for outdoor pools built after 1 May 2013.
Portable or Inflatable Pool	Use this checklist for all portable or inflatable pools.
Outdoor Pool - Waterfront Property	Use this checklist for outdoor pools that are not spas or portable/inflatable pools built on waterfront properties.
Outdoor Pool - Large Property	Use this checklist for outdoor pools that are not spas or portable/inflatable pools that are built on properties of 2 hectares or greater in size.
Outdoor Pool - Small Property	Use this checklist for all outdoor pools that are not spas or portable/inflatable pools built on properties that are less than 230sqm in size.

Many of your questions can be quickly answered by the document - [swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au/inspection/Inspection Page FAQ.pdf](http://swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au/inspection/Inspection%20Page%20FAQ.pdf).

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*This article does not provide any advice, legal or otherwise. It is an incomplete summary of the current legislation and requirements.  
It is essential you do your own research or consult a specialist in this field.*

## REPORT

## Canal Survey Results St Huberts Island Canals - Plan Of Management (POM)

The Survey of Islanders of their thoughts and requests for the maintenance of the canals of St Huberts Island has been completed, compiled, summarised, and sent off to Council. They will then pass it on to GHD Consultants who have been chosen by council as the consultants for the POM process.

The complete Survey results are available on our website at [sthubertsisland.nsw.au/news/canal-maintenance/canal-maintenance-what-s-happened/](http://sthubertsisland.nsw.au/news/canal-maintenance/canal-maintenance-what-s-happened/), and includes ALL comments received on time from respondents.

However, the number of responses to this important-to-all Survey was disappointing. While only 24% of all Island residences replied, a disappointing 31% of Canal residences submitted surveys. These are the people who are directly impacted by this Plan of Management, and needed to have a say in what should happen in their "back yard".

A particular thank you is in order to Dry and Outside block residents of the Island who replied. While not directly affected by the state of the Canals and their impact on what makes the Island what it is, their responses and comments were appreciated.

(It is intended that Council and GHD Consultants will be guest speakers at the next (September 15) General Meeting.)



### St Huberts Island Canals - A Plan Of Management RESIDENT SURVEY SUMMARY

#### SURVEY RETURNS

	Maximum Surveys Possible	Surveys Returned	Returned Survey Methods		
			Paper	Email	Web
ALL RESIDENTS	529	128	90	19	19
CANAL blocks	275	86	63	11	12
DRY blocks	160	18	10	4	4
OUTSIDE blocks	85	20	15	2	3
CANAL/OUTSIDE blocks	9	4	2	2	0

#### RESPONSES

	Surveys Returned	Question 1		Question 2		Question 3		Question 4		Question 5		Question 6		Question 7	
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
ALL RESIDENTS	128	121	3	122	2	120	2	121	2	116	6	112	8	118	7
CANAL blocks	86	80	2	82	0	79	1	80	1	76	5	73	7	79	5
DRY blocks	18	17	1	17	1	17	1	17	1	17	1	17	1	17	1
OUTSIDE blocks	20	20	0	19	1	20	0	20	0	19	0	18	0	18	1
CANAL/OUTSIDE blocks	4	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0

## REPORT

## Biggest Morning Tea

(The BMT report missed the May edition of *The Island News* as it was in production.)

The annual Biggest Morning Tea was again held on 28th May with Nev and Marilyn Smith hosting the fundraiser on their front lawn in Helmsman Blvd.



A good crowd attended and nearly \$800 was raised. It was good to see residents from St Huberts Island having a cuppa to support Cancer research.

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## SPEEDING on the Island and HELMSMAN BVD

*The speed of vehicles along the entire length of Helmsman Bvd is an increasing and significant issue for Helmsman residents and for all Island residents.*

**Residents, Tradies and Buses are frequently exceeding the 50 kph speed limit.**

We know the use Helmsman gets from walkers, joggers and bicycles, many of them children, and at all hours of the day and night. On Helmsman, we are all on the roadway - it is wide enough, and there is no footpath on the nature strips - so we share the bitumen. And... we need to move onto the roadway if vehicles are parked.

School speed zones are 40 kph for a hopefully low speed survivable impact.

Above 40 kph, injuries obviously increase in significance.

Particular examples of the danger that speeding on Helmsman cause are the two curves near the sewerage pumphouse park. Walkers and riders know anyone travelling at say 60 kph on these curves **must** cut the corner and intrude into the pedestrian area of the roadway, or cross the centreline (and the danger that creates for oncoming vehicles!). There are cars and sometimes caravans parked so it doesn't leave any safe room for walkers/riders!!

*At 50 kph this corner-cutting does not occur.*

The Committee has written to the Traffic Sergeant at Gosford and the Traffic Committee at Central Coast Council asking for additional policing patrols for our streets to try to combat the speeding issues. Furthermore we have asked what actions can be taken to reduce the speed of vehicles travelling north on Empire Bay Road as they approach the roundabout. Here, not only is speed an issue but also the visibility of approaching vehicles is of concern. We have also written to Busways asking that they advise all drivers to obey the speed limit on the Island.

**SLOW DOWN OR PAY FOR IT!!**

### Notice

## St Huberts Day Family BBQ EXTRAVAGANZA!

Sunday 6th November at Long Arm Parade Reserve will see the continuation of last year's VERY SUCCESSFUL St Huberts Island Family BBQ.

*The day will feature entertainers, games, face painting, and a loo. It will remain bigger and better for families.*

Keep an eye out for more information in a future letterbox leaflet, Facebook post and an email for those residents who have provided their email address -

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**REPORT****BOAT SAFETY - There are many changes starting 1 July 2016****The Summer months are approaching - yeah!!**

It's time for all water craft users to give some serious thought to their time on the water - both enclosed and open waters.

The following information is by no-means exhaustive - it is a summary of the main issues of water safety.

For more information YOU MUST go to the Roads & Maritime website at [rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/index.html](http://rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/index.html) OR a Service NSW office (closest is at Gosford in the old Motor Registry building).

**BOAT DRIVERS LICENCE** (from the RMS website @ [rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/safety-rules/licence-registration.html](http://rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/safety-rules/licence-registration.html))

The speed at which a boat is driven determines whether a person needs to be licensed.

Anyone who is the master of a powered vessel operating recreationally on NSW waters at a speed of 10 knots (approximately 18.5km/h) or more must have a boat driving licence.

This is the speed at which most accelerating boats will start to plane or rise up and skim on top of the water instead of ploughing through it.

The exception is that anyone who drives a **personal watercraft (PWC)** at any speed must have a PWC licence.

A PWC is a vessel with a fully enclosed hull that may be driven standing up, lying down, sitting astride or kneeling, and includes jet powered surfboards.

A person must be 12 years of age or older in order to hold a general boat or PWC driving licence.

Restrictions apply to licence holders under 16 years of age.

**BOAT REGISTRATION**

A person must be at least 16 years of age to register a vessel in NSW.

The following vessels must be registered in NSW when used on NSW navigable waters:

- 🚤 Power-driven vessels that are powered by an engine with a power rating of 4.0 kilowatts (kW) or more (as a guide, 4.0kW is approximately 5.3 horsepower).
- 🚤 Any power-driven or sailing vessel of 5.5 metres or longer.
- 🚤 Every vessel subject to a mooring licence or marina berth.
- 🚤 A PWC.

**LIFEJACKETS** (from the RMS website @ [rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/safety-rules/safety-equipment/lifejackets.html](http://rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/safety-rules/safety-equipment/lifejackets.html))**Requirements**

An approved lifejacket must be carried for each person on board most vessels. It must be the correct size for the wearer, in good condition and, if an inflatable lifejacket, properly serviced. Lifejackets range from Level 50 to Level 275.

- 🚤 Level 100 lifejackets are intended for people who may have to wait for rescue, but are likely to do so in sheltered and calm water. They are not intended for use in rough conditions, or when there is wave splash.
- 🚤 Level 150 lifejackets are intended for general offshore and rough weather use where a high standard of performance is required. They are designed to turn an unconscious person in swimming attire into a safe position, and maintain a fully clothed person in a safe position with no subsequent action by the wearer.
- 🚤 Level 275 lifejackets are intended primarily for offshore use and by people who are using items of significant weight or wearing clothing which may trap air and adversely affect the lifejacket's self-righting capacity. They are designed to ensure that the wearer floats with their mouth and nose clear of the surface.



See the lifejacket requirement table for what to wear

**Cheap NEW lifejackets available** - using the RMS Old4New program.

It appears that the Maritime Management Centre is still carrying out this program, although they have not yet updated their website of locations and dates for the 2016/2017 boating season that starts on the October long weekend.

See the Old4New article in the December 2015 edition of The Island News on our website at [sthubertisland.nsw.au/island-news/island-news-archive](http://sthubertisland.nsw.au/island-news/island-news-archive)

More can be found at the Maritime Management Centre website at [maritimemanagement.transport.nsw.gov.au/lifejackets/old4new/index.html](http://maritimemanagement.transport.nsw.gov.au/lifejackets/old4new/index.html)



Boating activity/ vessel type	Enclosed waters Lifejacket requirement	Open waters lifejacket requirements
Children under 12 years of age	Level 50S or greater: 1 At all times on a vessel less than 4.8m 2 When in an open area of a vessel less than 8m that is underway.	Level 100 or greater: 1 At all times on a vessel less than 4.8m 2 When in an open area of a vessel less than 8m that is underway.
On all boats less than 4.8m (unless specified)	Level 50S or greater at all times when: 1 Boating between sunset and sunrise 2 Boating on alpine waters 3 Boating alone (without an accompanying person 12 years of age or more).	Level 100 or greater at all times.
PWC including tow-in surfer	Level 50S or greater at all times.	Level 50S or greater at all times.
Crossing coastal bars	N/A	At all times as per open waters requirement for boating activity/vessel type.
Anyone being towed, eg water-skiing, wake-boarding	Level 50S or greater at all times.	Level 100 or greater at all times.
Canoes and kayaks Sailboarding and kiteboarding Off the beach sailing vessel	Level 50S or greater at all times when: 1 Boating between sunset and sunrise 2 Boating on alpine waters 3 Boating alone (without an accompanying person 12 years of age or more).	Level 50S or greater at all times.
When directed by the master of the vessel#	As per enclosed waters requirement for boating activity/vessel type.	As per open waters requirement for boating activity/vessel type.

# You must wear a lifejacket when directed by the master of the vessel, for example when the master considers there is a heightened risk of an incident occurring or if an incident was to occur, it might be difficult to help yourself.



## SAFETY EQUIPMENT

RMS has TWO printable checklists on their website.



Enclosed waters - [rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/maritime/safety-rules/safety-equipment-table-checklist-enclosed.pdf](https://rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/maritime/safety-rules/safety-equipment-table-checklist-enclosed.pdf)



Open waters - [rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/maritime/safety-rules/safety-equipment-table-checklist-open.pdf](https://rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/maritime/safety-rules/safety-equipment-table-checklist-open.pdf)

## Safety equipment to be carried on board

Your appropriate Safety Equipment Table **MUST** be carried ONBOARD.

Symbol	Item	Enclosed waters Quantity	Open water Quantity
	Lifejacket: Level 100 or greater	1 per person*	
	Lifejacket: Level 50S or greater	1 per person*	
	Anchor and chain/line (to suit vessel size/weight and sea floor)	1	1
	Bailer/Bucket/Fire bucket with lanyard.	1	1
	Bilge pump - Manual or power operated (vessel with covered bilge(s) or closed under-floor compartments other than airtight void spaces and must be capable of draining each compartment).	1**	1**
	Compass (fluid filled magnetic)	-	1
	Distress flare (orange smoke hand-held, in date)	-	2
	Distress flare (red hand-held, in date)	-	2
	Fire extinguisher (vessels with electric start, electric motors, battery, gas or fuel stoves)	1**	1**
	Map/chart for area of operation (paper or electronic)	-	1
	Paddles or oars and rowlocks (in vessels under 6 metres unless a second means of propulsion is fitted)	1	1
	Safety label (appropriate to vessel type)	1	1
	Sound signal (air horn/whistle/bell)	1	1
	V sheet (dimensions 1.8 x 1.2 m minimum)	-	1
	Water (suitable for drinking)	-	2L per person
	Waterproof torch (floating and operational)	1	1
	EPIRB - 406 MHz (required if 2 nautical miles or more offshore). Must be in date (according to the manufacturers expiry date) and properly registered with AMSA.	-	1
	Marine radio (required if 2 nautical miles or more offshore)	-	1

\* Lifejackets must be suitable for the intended wearer, in good condition and serviced at least every 12 months (or at longer intervals in accordance with manufacturer's instructions).  
 \*\* Additional bilge pumps and fire extinguishers may be required for larger vessels.  
 # The exception is when using PWC, canoes and kayaks, off-the-beach sailing vessels, sailboards and kite-boards.

## OTHER ESSENTIAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT

More details at: [rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/safety-rules/safety-equipment/other-equipment.html](https://rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/safety-rules/safety-equipment/other-equipment.html)

Other recommended safety equipment -



First aid kit



Kill switch lanyard



Tool kit

## SAFETY FLARES DISPOSAL

Roads and Maritime has launched a program to help boaters dispose of expired flares, with mobile collections set up along the NSW coastline.

A collection program for the upcoming 2016-17 boating season will start in October 2016. Dates and collection locations are here - [rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/safety-rules/safety-equipment/flare-disposal.html](https://rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/safety-rules/safety-equipment/flare-disposal.html).

Flares signal that you are in trouble and provide an exact location for searching aircraft or vessels. Only ignite them when rescuers are in view and can spot your flare.

It is an offence to set off flares except in an emergency.

Most flares have a use-by date of three years and they must be replaced before the expiry date.

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

OPEN WATERS			
Symbol	Item	Quantity	Check
	Lifejacket Level 100 or greater <sup>*</sup>	1 per person <sup>*</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Anchor and chain/line (to suit vessel size/weight and sea floor).	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bailer/Bucket/Fire bucket with lanyard.	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bilge pump - Manual or power operated (vessel with covered bilge(s) or closed under-floor compartments other than airtight void spaces and must be capable of draining each compartment).	1**	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Compass (fluid filled magnetic).	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Distress flare (orange smoke hand-held, in date).	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Distress flare (red hand-held, in date).	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fire extinguisher (vessels with electric start, electric motors, battery, gas or fuel stoves).	1**	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Map/chart for area of operation (paper or electronic).	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Paddles or oars and rowlocks (in vessels under 6 metres unless a second means of propulsion is fitted).	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Safety label (appropriate to vessel type).	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sound signal (air horn/whistle/bell).	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	V sheet (dimensions 1.8m x 1.2m minimum).	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Water (suitable for drinking).	2L per person	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Waterproof torch (floating and operational).	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT for OPEN WATERS required if 2 nautical miles or more offshore			
	EPIRB - 406 MHz. Must be in date (according to the manufacturers expiry date) and properly registered with AMSA.	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Marine radio.	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

\* Lifejackets must be suitable for the intended wearer, in good condition and serviced at least every 12 months (or at longer intervals in accordance with manufacturer's instructions).  
 \*\* Additional bilge pumps and fire extinguishers may be required for larger vessels.  
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## MARITIME ALERTS

Know when your safety equipment expires and know about the weather. The web page at [rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/using-waterways/weather-tides/alerts.html](https://rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/using-waterways/weather-tides/alerts.html) allows you to register for safety equipment and weather alerts.

## Safety equipment... don't expire - SET AN ALERT.

As every responsible skipper knows, there are certain items in the safety equipment list that have an expiry date. Such dates are applied in a bid to ensure this equipment will work when needed, which can include life threatening circumstances.

Safety gear that carry expiry dates include: flares, emergency position indicating radio beacons (EPIRBs) and inflatable lifejackets.

Don't let this safety equipment expire, **set an alert**. There are some easy options to achieve this:



Put the dates in your diary



Put the dates in your mobile phone



Set up a Maritime Alert - Safety Equipment

## Weather... watch it - SET AN ALERT.

This service allows you to choose the area of interest along the coast, or in alpine areas, and to choose how often the alert is sent to you and most importantly, what wind threshold you believe is important to you. In this way, you can customise the alert to be of most use to you. This email service does not replace the official forecast and Roads and Maritime strongly recommends all skippers keep a close eye on the official weather.



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## TidBits...

### ✿ Social Tennis

Anyone for tennis on Monday afternoons 4-6 pm at Empire Bay Tennis Courts? Good standard of play and dinner get-togethers occur every quarter. Please contact Helene Cornwell on 4342 1251.

### ✿ Killcare Heights Garden Club

Guests are welcome to our Garden Club which meets every second Monday of the month at 10.30am either at Wagstaffe Hall or various locations that we visit. Many members come from St. Hubert's Island.

We enjoy visiting open gardens, talks on all aspects of gardening and related topics, visits to sites on the Central Coast that may be of interest and coach trips further afield as well as an away trip for 2/3 days once a year. We are a friendly and sociable club and welcome new visitors.

Subscriptions are \$15 p.a. Please contact our Secretary, Cheryl Martin, on 0402 247 009 or email [cherylmartin@optusnet.com.au](mailto:cherylmartin@optusnet.com.au)

### ✿ Annual St Huberts Island Paddle Regatta

Sunday 4th December, 9 am, Long Arm Reserve.

It's Christmas... wear your Xmas hat! Kids also welcome.

Starting at 9 am at Long Arm Reserve we'll paddle clockwise by kayak, canoe, paddle board, stand-up board or raft into each of our 6 canals where we'll stop at a welcoming host who has volunteered to register your arrival, flying identifying bunting and providing 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 with bubbly.

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 craft 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.

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)

### ✿ Dine-Out 2016#3 Report

We had a really successful evening at Daleys Kitchen with 52 people attending.



Initially there were 60 people attending, but eight pulled out at the last minute, with insufficient time to contact the people on the "waiting list".

All had lots of favourable comments about the food and venue, and everyone is happy to do it again on 7th October - Dine-Out 2016#4. Sue Parsons, mein host with her assistant, both did a wonderful job for us.



### ✿ INAUGURAL "St Huberts Family Fun Day" Report



The inaugural **St Huberts Island Family Fun @ Attunga Park** was held on Sunday 14 August from about 11 am till there was no-one there (mid afternoon).

A coffee van was organised from 11 am, and it was very well received and used by many of the coffee (and tea) aficionados. One of the families also set up a cupcake stand with a range of very delicious (at least I think so!) cupcakes for a reasonable cost.

It was a very casual and floating type day where families dropped in and out when able to.

It was difficult to arrive at an attendance number on this pleasant sunny day, but maybe 30 people overall attended.

This Fun Day will be organised every three months using the new Facebook "**St Huberts Social Chit Chat**" closed page. Contact our Secretary, Annabel, to find out more about this Island activity and getting onto the ChitChat page.

The purpose of the FunDay is for Island residents, including their children, grandparents and friends to make contact in a very informal manner and setting, and maybe build common interests and friendships. It is not an "official" Residents Association event, but organised by some Committee members with young children.

### ✿ (First) Fishing Brag From Martin Wellington...

The photo of me with a blue swimmer crab was taken by my next door neighbour Bruce Halliday, the only other member of the Boyd Close Fishing Club! It was one of eight we caught on 27 May in Woy Woy Bay - the exact spot is a fisho's secret.

(Eat your heart out Ken.)



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### From the Editor...

Phew... another ridiculously jam-packed edition. I needed to get in the Boating and Pool articles as Spring hits us, and had to unfortunately bump Stan Donnellan to December!

A wide range of important stuff in this one - Canals, Dine-Outs, Kentia Palms, the BIG Family BBQ... and the vitally important SPEEDING and the early April Fools Day DOG POO DNA TESTING.

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

Steve