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'The Central Coast's Island in the Sun'

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

2019	October 6 Sunday	DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS 2 am	Spring FORWARD to 3 am
2019	November 3 Sunday	St Huberts Day Family BBQ & Extravaganza 11 am	Information Inside
2020	Mid-February Saturday	SunsetSips 2020#1 5 pm	ATTUNGA PARK Info in December newsletter
2020	March 12 Thursday	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7:30 pm	Advance Notice
2020	Mid-March Saturday	SunsetSips 2020#2 5 pm	BEACHFRONT PARK Advance Notice in TIDBITS...
2020	April 5 Sunday	DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS 3 am	Fall BACK to 2 am
2020	April 11 Saturday	SunsetSips 2020#3 & EASTER EGG HUNT @ SOLSTICE 4 pm	Advance Notice in TIDBITS...

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

From the Secretary

We still need more members of our Island Association to provide a solid front to Council. Become a member... it's only \$5 per family/ residence - or \$20 for 4 years. Either contact me (email below) or a Direct Deposit to -
 BSB: 633-000
 Account#: 125-589-655
 Reference: "Name and Address"

Thank-you to those of you (members and non-members) who have provided their email address, allowing us to make contact easily and efficiently.

And lastly, it works for SHIRA if you LIKE our Facebook page - another means of communicating with Islanders.

Thanks, Annabel,
secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au

Marilyn and Neville Smith stepping down from Westpac Helicopter and Biggest Morning Tea Fundraisers



For many years, Island residents and passers-by have dropped into Maz and Nev's house on Helmsman and partaken in beverages, food, entertainment, monster raffles, auctions and conversation. More importantly they have raised considerable funds for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service and the Cancer Council of NSW.

For the last 11 years they have opened their home and raised more than \$27,000 for the Westpac Helicopter. Donations from the St Huberts and surrounding communities and organisations resulted in some "monster" raffle items - Sydney Olympics 2000 signage auctions and half-day BBQ boat prizes come to mind amongst a host of too many others.

Maz and Nev also took over the Biggest Morning Tea from previous long-term Committee stalwarts Bob and Heather Fahey, and over the last eight years raised close to \$6,000 for the NSW Cancer Council.

Each year, the brief BMT morning fundraiser was invariably a relaxing time in the May Autumn sunshine, with Maz and Nev experimenting with new forms of sachet coffees and Island residents sharing their home-made culinary delights of pastries, cup-cakes and more.



There will be a long line of people thanking Maz and Nev for the many hours of organisation, haranguing donors, tidying, mowing, preparations, fighting with torrential downpours and cyclonic winds, cleaning-up etc etc... yet all for two very good causes.

The Residents Committee is at the front of this line to thank Marilyn and Neville for all their efforts, followed by all the Island residents who shared their front lawn for so many years, and definitely the two organisations the funds were raised on the behalf of.

HOWEVER... Maz and Nev are eager for another Islander to take over from them and continue raising funds for these two essential organisations, and are ready to pass on their contacts for a smooth transition.

If any Island resident is interested in hosting the Biggest Morning Tea and/or Westpac Helicopter fundraiser, contact the Committee through The Island News email address at islandnews@sthubertsisland.nsw.au.

A Word from the President

What a great winter we have had with plenty of amazing blue sky days and mild temperatures.

We tend to shut down over this period with many residents opting for warmer climates.

It's great to see some excellent house sales with top dollar prices being achieved which is a good sign for us over the coming busy sales months.



We will soon see the introduction of a street library outside the R&H office. The idea is to leave your books that have been read and take one that you haven't read. Will be interesting to see what books get left!!

So now it's time to get ready for fishing, boating and partying!!

Cheers
Rod

president@sthubertisland.nsw.au

Neighbourhood Watch: **NO INCREASE IN CRIME**

There are now no monthly reporting of crime statistics by the Brisbane Water Police District. They will only notify our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator if there has been an increase or spike in offences on the Island, particularly property crime.

There has been no increase in crime on the Island!!
HOWEVER, first-hand conversations have indicated we have had a rash of ATTEMPTED CAR BREAK-INS.
MAKE SURE YOUR CARS ARE LOCKED AT NIGHT.



Police cannot act when they are not informed of criminal activity. If not an emergency, and to ensure meaningful reporting, use the Police Assistance Line or Crime Stoppers phone numbers below, not local police stations who do not record phone conversations.

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Event Report

Christmas in July
Saturday 20 July



Once again, the St Huberts Island Christmas in July feast was a major success.

People had obviously rummaged through last year's Christmas dress-up bins at home when about 50 Islanders and friends arrived at Daleys Kitchen for a very pleasant and relaxed Christmas celebration of the cold snowy weather on St Huberts (?!!).



Santa must have been stuck in Island snow-drifts as we missed him, but the buzz and hum of conversation, flow of beverages and feasting on the delightful fare provided by mine-host Sue Parsons made up for the lack of cheery Ho...Ho...Hos.

And the cappuccino machine was welcome and well used by the designated drivers.



A full photo gallery of the night can be found at

sthubertsisland.nsw.au/events-reports/event-2019-jul-christmas-in-july/

Report

FISHOS Corner

Now that winter is behind us, hopefully the sea temperature will increase and with a bit of rain, the Brisbane Water system will be flushed of that slime which is very prevalent at the moment. That should enhance catches in the Brisbane Water.



Inside, there are a few leather jackets around and the odd just legal sized flathead are being caught on plastics.

Outside, the water is still around the 16 degree mark but flathead are there if you know the correct spots.

The photo is from one of the members of the Ettalong Diggers Fishing club who bagged out in a few hours outside last week.



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 via the Island website.

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 Island News.

Tight lines everyone! Ken



KILLCARE SURF CLUB NEEDS YOU

Killcare Surf Club needs new members to join and be trained to gain their bronze medallions, so that they can maintain their half day patrols.

If you are sixteen years of age or older, we would like to train you to become a surf life saver!

The benefits include improving your swimming fitness, learning first aid and resuscitation, making new friends, and saving lives on our beach!

This is a vital community volunteer service. New members will be most welcome.

So... come on down to the surf club to register your interest.

For further information, contact:
Vic Wilmot, on 4360 2836

- Registration dates are:
- Sunday 8 September
 - Sunday 15 September



LANDSAT, Greener Places Strategy & St Huberts Island's Trees

The Central Coast Council is now developing a strategy to promote, maintain and enhance urban greening across the Central Coast by planting and maintaining trees in public areas. **It is called the Greener Places Strategy.**



The satellite used in this Strategy and launched in February 2013 is LANDSAT 8. The LANDSAT program obtains satellite images of the entire earth and is used for a multitude of purposes.

Changes in LANDSAT images from March 2013 and January 2018 have been used by Council to determine the changes in temperatures of all our suburbs. Heat Maps have been created, tree canopy data created and a heap of other information - all to aid in planning and decision making.

The Greener Places Strategy exhibition and submissions closed on 5 September 2019. Detailed information on the Strategy is available at the YourVoiceOurCoast website at yourvoiceourcoast.com/greenerplaces.

The full draft document for the strategy is also available on our website [here](http://sthubertsland.nsw.au/greening-st-huberts/) at sthubertsland.nsw.au/greening-st-huberts/, but is a 62 MB PDF download.

A Quick Summary

I have ploughed quickly through the 100 pages of the document, and this is what I have extracted for St Huberts residents...

- * The first 49 pages are the Strategy
- * The remaining 50 pages are Appendix items including maps, satellite images and tables
- * St Huberts Island has a tree canopy cover of <15% (Booker Bay is the worst with 7% canopy) (page 28)
- * The 10 hottest suburbs in the CCC area are shown as a satellite photograph and table on Appendix page 15 (page 65)
- * **St Huberts Island** is one of the 18 suburbs selected to have its **tree canopy increased**

These are the 18 suburbs with the greatest level of Urban Heat Island Effect (although I couldn't find any evidence of St Huberts being a hot suburb!), and targeted to increase tree planting -

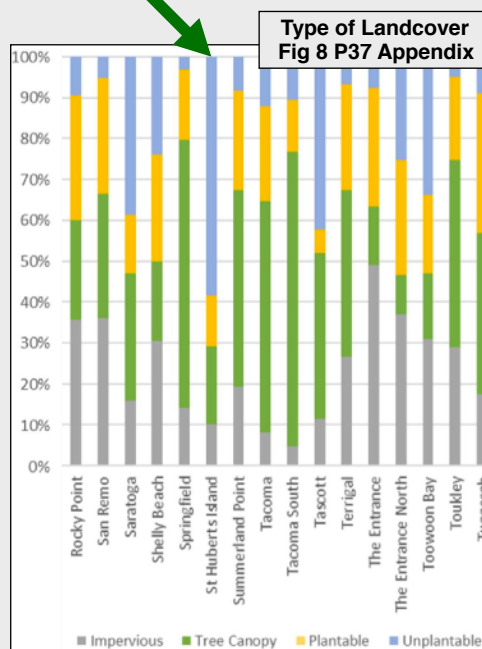
- Bateau Bay
- Blackwall
- Blue Bay
- Booker Bay
- Davistown
- Ettalong Beach
- Gorokan
- Kariong
- Killarney Vale
- Lake Haven
- Point Frederick
- **St Huberts Island**
- The Entrance
- The Entrance North
- Toowoona Bay
- Umina Beach
- Woy Woy
- West Gosford

While Council will not decide what tree goes where, they will (eventually) provide a "species selection matrix" for us to decide from.

It is for this reason the **St Huberts Island Residents Committee is calling for an experienced arborist** to help the Committee, and residents, decide on the best selection of trees to achieve this gradual "re-forestation" of St Huberts.

The draft document also covers the obvious important considerations of:

- * Bushfire Risk (page 38)
- * Tree Selection (page 38/9)
- * Involving Community (page 40)
- * Backyard Habitat (page 40)
- * Citizen Science (page 40/41)
- * Removal of Public Trees (page 41)



This makes more sense if you see the colour version in the PDF Newsletter

Island Chef Recipe



With the winter cold heading into September, this recipe from Joann Edwards might hit the spot.

IslandChef
ST HUBERTS ISLAND

Spicy Lentil & Chicken soup

Serves 6 Prep 20 mins Cooking 50 mins

Ingredients:

- ◆ 325g (1 1/2 cups) dried split red lentils
- ◆ 2 tsp olive oil
- ◆ 1 large brown onion, finely chopped
- ◆ 2 celery sticks, chopped.
- ◆ 1 carrot, peeled, chopped
- ◆ 2 large garlic cloves, finely chopped
- ◆ 800g chicken thighs (on the bone), skin removed, trimmed of excess fat
- ◆ 2 tsp ground cumin
- ◆ 1/2 tsp ground cayenne pepper
- ◆ 1L (4 cups) chicken stock
- ◆ 1L (4 cups) water
- ◆ 2 x 400g cans crushed tomatoes
- ◆ Salt and ground black pepper to taste

Method:

1. Place the lentils in a sieve and rinse under cold running water until the water runs clear. Set aside.
2. Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion, celery, carrot and garlic. Cook, stirring often, for 5 minutes or until the vegetables soften slightly. Add the chicken, cumin and cayenne pepper. Cook, turning the chicken occasionally, for 3-5 minutes or until it begins to brown.
3. Add stock, water and tomatoes to the pan, and stir to combine. Reduce heat to medium-low and cook covered for 15 minutes or until chicken cooked through.
4. Use a pair of tongs to transfer the chicken to a clean board. Stir the lentils into the soup and cook uncovered for 15-20 minutes or until the lentils are soft.
5. Meanwhile, remove the chicken meat from the bones and shred into small pieces.
6. Return the chicken to the soup and cook, uncovered, for 1-2 minutes or until the chicken is heated through.

Taste and season with salt and pepper.

Serve this soup with crusty Italian bread drizzled with a little extra virgin olive oil.

Email your special IslandChef recipe to islandnews@sthubertsland.nsw.au for possible inclusion in the next issue.

If enough excellent recipes pour in we might even knock-up our very own St Huberts Island Recipe Book!

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Council Climate Change Policy

We were fortunate to be able to address the councillors at the Central Coast Council meeting in August with regard to the draconian inclusions of "Planned Retreat" and the implementation of RCP8.5 (a greenhouse gas concentration level).

We believe that we are entitled to be afforded protection against future climate changes, not to be abandoned by our Council which has approved our residences and has accepted our Rate Payments since the Island was developed.

Consultation by Council with those residences that were to be affected by the implementation of the original proposal was limited, and should have been notified directly to all residents.



Thanks to the representation of many St Huberts residents that opposed Planned Retreat, the final Climate Change Policy adopted by CCC removed both of these items.

We must however remain vigilant as Scott Cox (Group Leader - Environment and Planning) has refused to rule out the reintroduction of Planned Retreat in the future. In fact as late as this past week Councillor Marquart amended a motion to remove Planned Retreat in all forms from Council Policy which was rejected by the Labour councillors, those aligned to CEN (Community Environment Network) and Chris Holstein.



We are now in a Climate Emergency according to council!

What impact this will now have on us is still to be seen but it is a pity that our local council is now becoming so politicised rather than doing those things well that we expect from the use of our rates rather than the continual payment to consultants for yet another report.

We should all remember what this Council is doing to us at the next elections in 2020 and make our voices heard.



Welcome New Neighbours

... and farewell to departing friends

The Association welcomes all new residents to our relaxing and peaceful Island.

We encourage all Islanders to make our new neighbours welcome.

- ★ 12 Discovery
- ★ 15 Helmsman
- ★ 6 Mainsail
- ★ 28 Mercator
- ★ 12 Nautilus
- ★ 14 Salacia



House sales and transfers 23 May 2019 to 22 August 2019 (contract date ignored).

Sourced from NSW Valuer General, Raine&Horne and allhomes.com.au.

Notification

St Huberts Day BBQ & Family Extravaganza

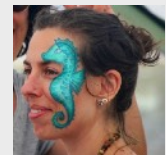
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Long Arm Park

Planning still happening but the place, day and time is set in concrete.



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- Jumping castle for the littlies
- Face painting for all sizes



- Port-a-loo
- Raffles
- The world-renown Island Quiz
- ... and much, much more.

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Tidbits...



Nature Watch



Our Island Egrets

Those Islanders who have a water-view will have seen many an Egret walking along the waters edge, frequently mirroring a shag/ cormorant or two, and snatching fingerlings or larger fish.

The Eastern Great Egret is a Heron that has a white or buff plumage. There are 64 species of Heron including bitterns as well as egrets. Egrets get their name from the French word "aigrette" meaning "silver heron" and "brush" due to the long feathers that cascade down their back during breeding.

These feathers were not "good" for egrets as in the 19th-early 20th century hat makers needed huge

amounts of egret plumes resulting in many breeding birds being killed.

While there are many species of long-necked water-birds, Herons are unique in that they fly with their neck retracted (thus the funny kink in their neck when extended?)

and they have **powder down** feathers - a specialised down feather that is not moulted and

creates a fine powder-like "feather dust" that is spread amongst all the normal feathers.

(Thanks to Wikipedia - a website we all should donate to.)



✿ XMAS in July - some feedback

Hi Rod & Kim,

Just a brief note to thank you & Kim for an excellent night at Daleys Kitchen which was very well organised.

The meal was excellent & I thanked the staff accordingly.

Our whole group was full of praise for an excellent night. Only Santa missed out!

Best regards,



✿ Our Street Library is coming

Spotted by your eagle-eyed Editor was the future Street Library almost finished at the painting stage.

Master painter Chris Ireland will be mounting it at the front of the Raine & Horne office on Helmsman very soon, and will be available for you to add books to, or borrow from it.



Street Libraries are a beautiful home for books, planted in an obvious public area. Ours will be in Raine and Horne's front yard. They are a lovely way to share books you have finished with or discover a new book to read. Books come and go; no-one needs to check them in or out.

It will look like a big letterbox with two shelves inside and a perspex door on the front.



✿ Advance Notice: Put these approximate SunsetSips dates in your Calendar for 2020

So far, a rough date has been chosen for the first two of the SunsetSips for 2020

SunsetSips#3 will be held on Easter Saturday as per last year.

Times have been chosen so we can eat and be merry then see the sunset - otherwise they wouldn't be SunsetSips!!

SunsetSips#1 @ Attunga

Mid-February, 5pm, Sunset 7:50pm.

SunsetSips#2 @ Beachfront

Mid-March, 5pm, Sunset 7:15pm.

SunsetSips#3 and Monster Easter Egg Hunt @ Solstice

Saturday 11 April ("Easter Saturday"), 4pm, Daylight Saving finished, Sunset 5:37pm.



✿ At last... Telstra comes through...

For far too many years the Association and all residents have been asking Telstra to install a public phone on the Island.

The very first meeting of SHIRA on **1st April 1976** noted in it's minutes a request to the then Gosford City Council to put pressure on the then Postmaster General to give Islanders what other Australians have and deserve.

At last, SHIRA believes Telstra is finally installing a public phone on Helmsman Boulevard. The external structure has been delivered and photographed, and initial evidence indicates after significant renovations it will be the latest modern version of their design including WiFi access via the antenna mounted on its roof.



✿ Wonderful Road Repairs

So... it must have been 3-4 weeks ago (?) that the Council contractors patched up Helmsman and plugged all the opening gaps with squiggly bitumen.



But it didn't take long for a bit of rain and not much traffic for it all to fall apart - and possibly damage windscreens!

I assume, that as in life, you get what you pay for.



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From the Editor...

This edition is a focus on Central Coast Council, and how Ratepayers do have a say on Council plans, and Councillors seem to listen. The successful Ratepayers voice on the removal of Planned Retreat (sort of) should empower us to continue watching carefully AND responding to the plans of the current elected council. Greening St Huberts Island is next!. Please... please, work with SHIRA to ensure the correct trees are planted in the right places. And if anyone can take over from Maz and Nev, let me know.

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