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'The Central Coast's Island in the Sun'

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - upcoming events

| 2014 | December 11 | Island Quarterly Meeting |
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| | The Cove Hall | 7:30pm (more info in this Newsletter) |
| 2014 | December 23 St Huberts waters | Santa on the Water 6:00pm (more info in this Newsletter) |
| 2015 | March 15 | St Patricks Day celebration 11.00am (more info in this Newsletter) |

DECEMBER QUARTERLY MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER - Arthur Jones

A well-known resident of St Huberts Island, Arthur Jones, has been invited to be a guest speaker at the December meeting of the Association.

Arthur is well known for his addresses to the U3A classes and to local Probus Clubs on such issues as British Intelligence and Spy Networks. All of Arthur's addresses are accompanied by audio visual support and are of the interest to all who have heard him speak.

It is something that should be intriguing to all residents and you are encouraged to attend to hear his presentation.

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DECEMBER QUARTERLY

GENERAL MEETING

All residents are invited to attend the meeting in <u>The Cove Hall, Empire Bay</u>

<u>Drive, Empire Bay</u> on Thursday

December 11 2014 at 7:30pm.

This is an open forum where all matters of

interest to island residents can be

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

If you require transport to the meeting please call Ron 4343 1540.







FEEDBACK FORM

There are several things the Island Committee would really like to know from you - the Island Resident and Association member :

* What you think of the new format for The Island News * Suggestions for articles for The Island News * Things you would like the Committee to pursue

.NAME (important):______ ADDRESS (less important

RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION MEMBER (very important): YES / NO (circle)

WRITE HERE

Cut this off, hand it in at the upcoming General Meeting, drop it in to 86 Helmsman, use more paper if you have lots to say, or email your feedback to islandnews@sthubertsisland.nsw.au

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Here we are at Christmas time again. On behalf of myself and your committee

I wish all of our Residents and Families A Merry Christmas, Happy and Prosperous New Year



This being our Christmas meeting it gives all island residents old and new, the chance to get together in the spirit of Christmas. Come along and join in at this meeting -Thursday December 11 2014.

Ron Spratt OAM President December 2014



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REPORT

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

In September two stealing incidents in Nautilus Crescent were reported to police. No crimes were reported to police in August or October.

STOP PRESS... Break-in and stealing in Helmsman Bvd in late November.

REPORTING CRIMINAL INCIDENTS

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Complaints have been received that residents adjoining these right-of-ways are using them as an extension of their residential property and for the parking of vehicles.

Whilst residents are encouraged to maintain these right of ways by the cutting of the grass and removal of rubbish, they should not be used as an extension of the residential property. Complaints re this type of use should be directed to Gosford City Council Rangers.

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REPORT

FISHOS CORNER

Welcome to our new (regular?) column- Fishos Corner, and we hope you find this interesting. We are fortunate to live on St Huberts Island with its abundance of canals and access to waterways - ideal for the boating and fishing enthusiasts. A number of us on the Island are members of several Fishing Clubs in the area. Most are members of either the Ettalong Hotel SS Fishing Club and/or The Ettalong Beach War Memorial Fishing Club. Both clubs offer planned fishing competitions as well as friendship and social activities.

There have been recent reports of jewfish being caught in the canals and the Rip Bridge area using fresh squid during the evening on the run-out tide.

You are encouraged to contribute to Fishos Corner - if you have caught a fish or two lately and want to brag or share your good luck with your fellow Islanders, simply email your pictures to

islandnews@sthubertsisland.nsw.au with a short note, who you are, what sort of and where you caught the fish.

Anglers who are still unsure of the recent changes to some of our NSW fishing regulations and in particular to reduction of some bag limits should go to www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational for further

Cheers, Ken Lummis (phone 4342 3156 for further info re local fishing clubs)

THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE ISLAND IS...

The Police traffic department is always active on the Island when you least expect. They pay special attention to Helmsman Boulevarde, and the Rip Bridge to Empire Bay School.



Remember the speed limit on St Huberts Island is 50 kph

Notice

St PATRICKS DAY



St Patricks Day will again be held this year on Sunday 15th March under the Marquee at Neville and Marilyn Smith's front lawn at 86 Helmsman Boulevarde. Again we are raising funds for the Westpac Helicopter Rescue Service. All funds raised on the day go to

Entertainment on the day will be "Keri Lewis" everyone in attendance last year was totally thrilled with her performance. She was brilliant and is a local entertainer.

It will be a GREAT day with heaps of raffle prizes, plus this year we will be supplying free sausage sandwiches.

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 drop it into the letter box at 86 Helmsman Boulevarde.

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SANTA ON THE WATER

On Tuesday 23rd December 2014, Rod and Virginia Wenzel will be circumnavigating St Huberts Island with Santa and the Gosford City Brass Band playing on board his vessel "Doctors Orders" to celebrate Christmas. Other boats are invited to join the flotilla. Starting time is approximately 6pm from Marina Cove, or

join the fleet when it passes уои.



There will be a sausage sizzle when Doctors Orders returns with the band at about 8pm. Come along to Rod and Virginia's house at 42 Marina View Pde - phone 4341 3528. All are welcome! Please bring a plate (salad or pasta etc) and BYOG. Sausages will be provided and will cost \$2.00 each. All donations from the purchase of sausages will go to The Peninsula Womens Health Centre Woy Woy.



REPORT

Annual St

Huberts Island

BBQ

Approximately 120 Islanders took advantage of the beautiful weather on the day - not the usual rain, strong winds and the occasional hail! It



was great to see a lot of new residents attending.

Winner of the hamper was Diane Meliska from Longarm Parade. Importantly, would the winner of the St Huberts Island plaque please contact Ron on 4343 1540 to fine tune the winners badge to be attached to the plaque.



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SPECIAL REPORT

ARE YOU CONFUSED? The National Broadband Network (NBN) is coming to St Huberts Island

On 20 October 2014, NBN Co announced that 38 suburbs involving 57,000 homes on the Central Coast are earmarked for the next roll-out of the NBN using their "new" fibre to the node technology (FITN) – St Huberts Island is one of them.

A visit to the NBN website shows that currently (December 2014) "Groundworks are underway to prepare this area for the NBN". They also say that they "... will provide more information as works progress", but it will take a while to happen for 57,000 homes!

If you're confused about the National Broadband Network (NBN) you're not alone.



Internet Retail Service Provider (RSP) iiNet commissioned independent research into the NBN – a report called Familiarity & Understanding of the NBN*. It revealed that only 15% of people surveyed have a good understanding of what the NBN is all about. Not only that, but there's a LOT of confusion surrounding the NBN.

iiNet took a look at some of these survey results and did some "myth-busting" about what the reality of the NBN is all about.

MYTH: Connecting to the NBN is optional.



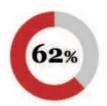
... thought that connecting to the NBN was optional, and they will continue to keep their existing broadband (internet) connection

False. The biggest surprise was that more than two-thirds of broadband users were not aware that moving to NBN fibre is compulsory. This is despite thousands of people nationwide affected by the 23 May 2014 deadline when the first compulsory cutoffs from the traditional copper telephone network took place.

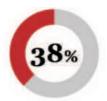
The reality is that the copper network is disconnected 18 months after an area becomes "live" with NBN.

That means that unless you switch to NBN you won't have access to broadband or phone services (unless you switch to a mobile or other wireless solution).

MYTH: The NBN rollout does not affect your existing phone service.



... thought that if they are in an NBN rollout area, their landline phone will remain connected, even if they fail to switch over to the NBN



... did not know that an NBN connection for their household provides <u>both internet and landline telephone</u> services

False. The disconnection of the old copper network affects your Internet AND phone service if your premise is by a fibre NBN connection. The NBN rollout will affect both your Internet and landline telephone service. Basically, if you don't switch over to the NBN when it becomes "live" in your area you won't have a phone service 18 months later. The only exception is the 7% of the population who will receive a fixed wireless or satellite connection to the NBN and these premises will retain their copper connection for voice services.

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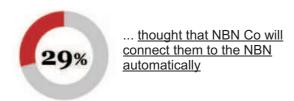
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MYTH: Connecting to the NBN will happen automatically.



False. When the NBN becomes live in your area you won't be automatically switched over. You still need to contact your RSP who will work with you to:

- * arrange the installation of equipment and
- * ensure minimal disruption to your internet's household internet and phone services.

MYTH: NBN Co is an Internet Service Provider.



... thought that when they switch over to the NBN, they have to use NBN Co as their internet provider

False. NBN Co is a "wholly-owned Commonwealth company, a Government Business Enterprise" delivering Australia's open access broadband network. But NBN Co will NOT supply you with internet services. Only Retail Service Providers (RSP) like iiNet, Telstra, Optus and others can do that.

What does all this mean to we denizens of the Island?

Simply, all premises on the Island will be provided with a free-of-charge wall-box connection to the Internet and at a later date, your normal landline phone will be cut off - many months later.

The phone equipment will eventually be removed from the Telephone Exchange at Woy Woy and your phone wires will be used by the NBN, so there will be no more copper landline phones.

You don't need to connect to the Internet unless you want a landline phone again. In this case you will need to connect to the NBN - and pay a Retail Service Provider (RSP) to do this.

Your other option is to have nothing to do with the Internet or the NBN, and use a mobile phone for all your phone calls and internet.

> The other change we will see is the placement of three small refrigerator sized boxes beside the three Telstra phone pillars on the Island. These cabinets which I'm sure will be a beautiful neutral colour to blend in with the environment will be about 1150mm high, 850mm wide and 500mm deep (old money - 3' 9" x 2' 9" x 1' 8").



There is a lot more to tell you and show you about the NBN, how it works, what it will do and mean to you, and how you will use it around your home.

So... keep an eye on The Island News and the Island's website at sthubertsisland.nsw.au for more on the NBN.



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GENERAL INFO ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

The Changes...

Welcome to our first "new" and still evolving The Island News.

We hope articles, adverts etc might be easier to read. The typeface fonts have also been changed to help.

The other major reason for the change is we want to put more interesting and relevant articles into the News so it is a better read. The Special Report on the NBN is the first of (hopefully) many more special reports. As the NBN coming to the Island affects all of us, we will follow its progress, and keep you informed.

Also... the email address for The Island News has changed - use islandnews@sthubertsisland.nsw.au to be your main contact with this newsletter.

Questions, suggestions, comments, articles, advertising, jokes etc can all be emailed to this address.

Editorial and Advertising

Any physical information can also be forwarded to Neville Smith (Editor) at 86 Helmsman Blvde for inclusion in The Island News, which is produced every 3 months just before the General Meetings. Each issue has deadlines so make sure any information is submitted early.

However, the preference for material will be via an email to islandnews@sthubertsisland.nsw.au

The Island Website

A few/some/most/all of the Island residents know about the Island's website at sthubertsisland.nsw.au . It has provided a presence for St Huberts Island on the Internet for some time. It is now being used more - keep an eye on the website as more information goes into it, including an archive of past editions of The Island News, club information, what's new and more.

Special Island

Aprons & Caps

A new supply of St Huberts Island caps and aprons are now available, a great Island gift for Birthdays and Christmas.

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TidBits...

⊾Kilcare Garden Club

Our Garden Club is just coming to the end of a busy and enjoyable year. We have 80 members and meet on the second Monday of the month at 10.30am, with variations for public and school holidays. We meet at different locations according to our programme. This year we've enjoyed outings on the restored tug Waratah on Sydney Harbour, Eryldene Camellia Garden at Gordon, spring guided walk in Muogamarra State Park Cowan, open gardens at Killcare, the Royal Botanical Gardens, Wallis Creek Water Gardens at Mulbring and murals at Kurri Kurri.

In November we enjoyed an 11 day Garden Tour of New Zealand. Although we have a small waiting list, if you are interested in joining you can come to most things as a waiting list member.



Fiona Lambell having fun with the murals at Kurri Kurri

Contact Helene Cornwell of Mercator Parade on 4342 1251.

Probus Club of Ettalong

Why not join a Probus Club? We have been established for 25 years and currently has a membership of 110 men and women. Like other Probus Clubs throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands we provide the opportunity for active senior members of the community to meet in circumstances which provide companionship and intellectual stimulus. Ettalong Probus generally meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the

month with a 9:30 am start at Harrys Restaurant, Ettalong Bowling Club. If interested in further details or attending a meeting contact the Secretary Ken Lummis, on 4342 3156.

✓ Mens Shed at Ettalong

The Men's Shed at Ettalong is officially known as the Peninsula Community Mens Shed and is situated behind Ettalong Baptist Church at 117 Memorial Avenue Ettalong Beach. Opening times are 9:00am to 4:00pm Monday AND Thursday. The main aim of the Shed is to give men, mainly retired, a place to come and talk and feel at home which is good for men's health. Members can also make, construct, fiddle, restore, build a project of your own, make toys, weld, turn wood or metal. Not all men are 'tool savvy' so they are taught how to use various tools and equipment. As power tools are involved, for insurance purposes, members should be versed in OH&S requirements as well as \(\subseteq LOST!!! public liability. Most 'time' is taken up by cups of tea and coffee and there is a good meal room for lunch. The shed is currently applying for Incorporation which will strengthen the status organisation. For further information contact Peter LeMay on 4340 2748.

\Tennis Club

Many members of the Club who are from St Huberts Island belong to the Monday afternoon tennis group at Empire Bay. We meet from 4-6 pm in \(\sum And Finally - Help!! \) the summer months and 2-4 pm in the winter months. We are a mixed group of over 60 year olds who fondly remember more challenging tennis in our younger days but we all thoroughly enjoy ourselves especially birthdays

apres tennis with a little tipple and nibbles. There are about 12 of us and we have two courts. However many of us are often away enjoying our retirement trips so you are always very welcome to come along and try your hand with us even if you feel a little rusty. Please contact Helene Cornwell of Mercator Avenue on 4342 1251.

>Mah Jong Lessons

Want to learn Mah Jong?

I have beginners classes starting on Wednesday 4th February 2015 if you are interested in joining them.

Please contact Annette Clark on 4344 1878.

∨Craft Classes

Are you interested in joining a craft group? Please contact Maureen on 4344 6865 or visit me on maureenscreativecrafts.blogspot.com.au

A desperate plea!!

I have lost a photo album containing my lifetime collection of "Knitting Stitches". This is my collection of stitches that I use for knitting Babywear for Bear Cottage It was lost from in front of my house on the Island.

If found, please return to Judy at 39 Beachfront Parade or contact Lynne on 43444881.



We need to contact the person who won the St Huberts Island plaque at the Island BBQ. We need to discuss the plate which will be attached to the Plaque. Please contact Ron on 4343 1540.