

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11 2014**

Meeting commenced 7.30pm at The Cove Village Hall.

1. **Present**
Ron Spratt (president in the chair) and 48 members, as per the attendance sheet.
2. **Apologies** – from Alick & Marion Anderson, Lex & Anna Clark, Ken Lummis.
Resolved – the apologies be accepted.
- 2a **New Members** – The president welcomed new members Ross & Katina Baldwin, Tom Di Palma, and residents from 8 Skiff Place.
3. Confirmation of minutes of General Meeting March 13 2014 as tabled.
Resolved moved Richard Carlyle, seconded Neville Smith the minutes be adopted.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes.**
The president made comments on the issues listed below:-
 - * Ausgrid - work is generally complete final connections by end of 2014..
 - * Fees & membership – year July/June.
 - * The president advised the meeting that the process of moving sand to protect sea walls by dredging is still being considered by council
 - * Beachfront Parade Reserve - park furniture to be provided in the form of a park seat by council.
 - * Provision of Tables for Attunga Reserve – table setting has now been installed and a grant application has been made for play equipment for Attunga reserve the outcome of the application is expected in November.
Resolved – the information be received and noted.
5. Correspondence.
 - * A bundle of literature from Gosford City Council in respect to the Brisbane Water Floodplain Risk Management Study currently on exhibition for comment and information sessions together with a Community Forum proposed for 8 October 2014 and inviting those wishing to attend the forum to register.
Resolved the information be received and noted and residents to attend information sessions and community forum if possible.
6. **Treasures Report** – In the absence of the treasurer the report was tabled.
Resolved moved Steve Steele seconded Martin Wellington the treasurer's report as tabled be adopted.
- 7 **General Business.**
 - * Neighbourhood watch – a brief report from neighbourhood co-ordinator was given and suggested resident report all incidents to police information line this enables police to prepare a pattern of events even after the incident.
Resolved the information be noted.
 - * The Hon. Editor reminded the meeting that television sets need to be re-tuned.
Resolved the information be noted.
 - * A question was raised from the floor as to Gosford City Council activities in mosquito control in the local government area.
Resolved a letter be sent to Gosford City Council seeking information as to programs, if any, used by council for the control and eradication of mosquitoes in the council area with particular reference to programs in relation to St Huberts Island.

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- * The president raised the issue of the extreme work done by Neville & Marilyn SMITH and pointed out to the meeting
Neville has been a committee member for more than a decade having been elected in 2004 he is currently the Hon Editor of The Island News and has held that position for many 7 years.
Neville and Marilyn have been devoted island residents for more than 30 years and have contributed greatly to island life.
In more recent years they have organised the island Big Cuppa for the Cancer Council at their home in Helmsman Boulevard and have been instrumental in the raising approximately \$3,000.00 for the Cancer Council.
Since 2008 Neville and Marilyn have adopted the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service for the St Patrick's Day celebrations and have raised more than \$8,000.00 for the service all on the front yard of their home. Neville has organized entertainment for these occasions ranging from a 'Rock' group to vocalists.
These are simply a few of the deeds Neville & Marilyn Smith have been involved in and I believe it is only fitting that they be honoured and the president moved:-
Neville & Marilyn Smith be elected to the status of Life Membership of the St Huberts Island Residents Association Inc...
Resolved unanimously - The motion be adopted.

- * **Guest Speaker Matt Macfarlane and Val Morris**
Matt is an island resident and has taken a keen interest as a volunteer at the Central Coast Marine Discovery Centre.
Val Morris is the Aquaria Manager at the Central Coast Marine Discovery Centre.
Together they gave the meeting a great insight into the Central Coast Marine Discovery Centre which in the main is manned by volunteers such as themselves
The Central Coast Marine Discovery Centre is located at 11 Terrigal Drive Terrigal and provides a range of high quality innovative and interactive educational programs, activities and experiences which have been the subject of visits by many island residents.
Vision for the centre is to serve as a research and educational resource to create greater understanding and appreciation of catchments, coasts and oceans within the community.
Matt has been a volunteer with the centre now for some time and gave an extremely interesting insight into his activities as a volunteer.
The presentation was well received and the president thanked them and presented them with a souvenir St Huberts Island cap.
It was particularly evident of the interest in the presentation by the number of residents asking questions over a cup of tea and the number of brochures taken by them.

- 8 The meeting concluded at 8.45pm.
9. Next meeting December 11 2014.