

The Island News

ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

'The Central Coast's Island in the Sun'

PO BOX 247, ETTALONG BEACH 2257

SEPTEMBER 2008

ST HUBERTS

General meeting at The Cove Hall, Empire Bay Drive, on Thursday 11th Sept. at 7.30 pm. We are hoping for a good attendance and should you require transport please call Bob Fahey on 4342 1061.

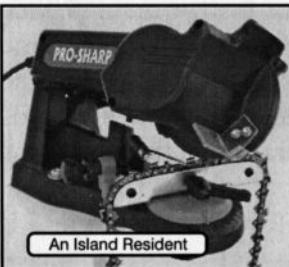
Presidents Report

The committee is, as always working hard to deliver a service to the residents of St Huberts Island. The task is not an easy one and one where criticism follows.

To assist your committee we need feed back, one way to give that feed back is to attend the regular general meeting and raise the issues that are of concern to you - the residents.

Another way to assist the further development of the island is to nominate for the committee. No one has a monopoly on any of the positions with some of the committee members having been there due to the lack of others nominating for the positions when they become vacant.

If your committee had not been as diligent as it has been over the years then island residents would have been walked all over, being prosecuted for protecting their properties by moving sand; no boating facilities in the canals; the need to lodge development applications for existing boat ramps; higher rates after unrealistic increases in property valuations; no entry



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An Island Resident

I applaud the efforts of successive committees over the years but we need new blood, any resident desirous of joining the committee will be given that opportunity at the Annual General Meeting in March next year so gear yourself up and join the hard workers on the committee.

Ron Spratt OAM

President

Broken Boat Ramps

The matter of removal of broken boat ramps by Council was reported recently in some local press and despite various communications to Council I am not in a position to give any more information on the matter but your committee is always pursuing unresolved issues with Gosford Council.

Entry Statement

It was great to see the turn out for the opening of the entry statement in June when The Mayor Councillor Jim Macfadyen attended. Yes the entry statement is now a feature of the island with the finishing touches being now done to the structure for its protection. In respect to the project we must thank the generosity of residents who contributed financially and a local real estate agent who similarly donated to the cause.

We are now expecting a final account from council for only 50% of the cost. The structure was financed from members fees, the sale of glasses and the generous contribution from the production and sale of the History Book. Considerable effort was put in by residents and thanks must go to Louise Williams for the plan drawing. Hydro Blast for the protective coatings now being applied.

A very successful project.

Painting of Bridge Handrails

There has been considerable comment from residents about the state of painting of the bridge handrails and the matter has been the subject of numerous letters and phone calls to Gosford Council over several years. The most recent response was from The Mayor who states:-

“Unfortunately, there is a limited budget for bridge maintenance work and priority is given to urgent structural repairs and routine maintenance of the over fifty (50) road and pedestrian bridges within the City of Gosford. Notwithstanding the above, the painting of the handrails on St Huberts Island Bridge will be listed for consideration of funding in the 2009/2010 Capital Works Program.

In the mean time, the condition of the handrail will be monitored and if required structural maintenance will be undertaken”.

Vale

Walter Edward Roach, better known as "Wally" left us for that long walk in the hereafter on Sunday 31st July. Wally was 89.. An Island resident for 32 years.

Wally served his country during WW11 attached to the American army supply service.

In 1976 Wally moved into the home he built at 32 Helmsman Bvd where he lived with wife Kath and daughters Elizabeth and Kate. He was always an energetic walker and loved his long hikes up the bush trails behind Daley's Pt. and Fishermans Pde. in recent times after an accident his walking was confined to St Huberts Is. A quiet man he always gave a cheerful hello or a friendly wave to passing motorists or fellow walkers.

Our sincere thoughts are extended to Kath, members of the family and friends



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St Huberts Island Family BBQ

All welcome - Come along !!

The Annual St Huberts Island Family Sausage Sizzle celebrating St Huberts Feast Day, Sunday 2nd November is fast approaching.

Venue will again be the Long Arm Reserve from 11.30am.

Bring the family. It's a great opportunity to get to know your neighbours and meet our great new arrivals.

Sausages, bread, butter, onions, tomato / bbq / mustard sauces, paper plates, etc are all supplied free of charge.

Please bring foldup chairs, a hat, salads, knife and fork, liquid refreshments and a smile!.

There will be a raffle on the day, so please bring a few dollars along for tickets.

The coveted St Huberts Island plaque will also change hands for one year to the winner of the Island quiz.

Sponsors of the day will be the Professionals Real Estate Ettalong, Bendigo Bank Ettalong and Brumbies Bread Woy Woy.

Souvenir Island History Books and Wine Glasses will be on sale on the day..

Just a reminder, The St Huberts Island Residents Assn. Inc. does not hold third party liability insurance cover and anyone attending this function do so at their own risk.

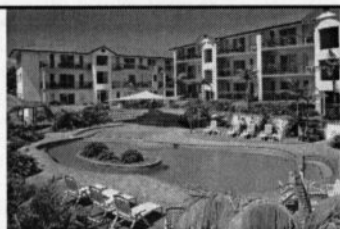
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The dine out at La Palma Pizza-Pasta Ettalong was enjoyed by the group of friendly Islanders, who shared a mixed menu of delicious Pizzas, Pastas, Bolognaise etc. washed down with drinks by choice. Good fellowship was the order of the night, lots of laughs and plenty of good will. After such an enjoyable night, I am sure it will be revisited. Thanks to Di Tweed for organising the evening

Discovery Street

Issues relating to the island and island lifestyle are ever being looked for. One which has been of great concern to the committee is the provision of drainage, kerb and gutter and road surfaces to Discovery, Sirius, Weatherly Streets area.

In recent weeks the committee has engaged in communications with The Mayor who has now advised:-

"The upgrading of Discovery Street, which will include kerb and gutter/drainage and pavement upgrading, is included in the Council's recently endorsed draft four year Capital Works Program to be undertaken in the 2011/2012 financial year".

Pizza Night Social Program

Thanks must go to Di and Bill Tweed for their efforts in producing and encouraging a social program. The latest in the calendar was the very successful Pizza Night at La Palma in Picnic Parade.

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Christmas Meeting • Date Change

Some forward notice for the Christmas meeting - due to a prior booking of the hall at "The Cove" the committee has to change the day and date to Wednesday December 10, 2008.

To make up for this change the committee is hopeful of a big night with a great guest speaker, Shannon O'Hagan, Community Liason Officer Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. Following the presentation will be a tasting of some fine Italian Wines.

Mark your Calender now **Wednesday December 10 2008**

Bus Shelters

Thanks to Gosford Council and Busways for erecting the first bus shelter on the island. Your committee has been pursuing the installation of bus shelters for some years, not just any old bus shelter but one which is more aesthetically appealing. The first bus shelter in Helmsman Boulevard is the first of what is hoped to be several in different positions on the island.

Traffic Matters

At the last general meeting matters of serious importance to island residents relating to traffic were raised, they were:-

Speed of traffic on Daley Avenue between Maitland Bay Drive and Helmsman Boulevard. Following a letter to Gosford Council this matter has been referred to the Council's Traffic Committee.

Lack of vision for traffic entering Maitland Bay Drive from Picnic Parade due to vehicles for sale parked at the corner almost onto the road pavement. The letter for your association had an immediate result by the placement of physical barriers to prevent the vehicles from entering into the line of vision and a phone call of thanks from Council officers for bringing the matter to their attention.

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