



The Island News

ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC
'The Central Coast's Island in the Sun'

PO BOX 247, ET TALONG BEACH 2257

DECEMBER 2008

Date Change DECEMBER 10th for XMAS MEETING.

General meeting at The Cove Hall, Empire Bay Drive, on Wednesday 10th Dec. at 7.30 pm. We are hoping for a good attendance and should you require transport please call Bob Fahey on 4342 1061.



Christmas Cheer Meeting

***Wednesday 7.30 pm 10th December
Community Hall The Cove (Peridon)***



Brief Agenda

- (1) Present a brief overview of the committee activities for the year.
- (2) Guest speaker from Westpac Rescue Helicopter service.
- (3) Wine tasting of fine Italian wines.

(1) Overview. This year we have completed the Entry Statement. Saw the first bus shelter shed installed: Worked the clean up Australia campaign: Took part in Red Cross and Heart Foundation door knock appeals: Support activities of the Cancer Councils Appeal: Attended numerous Council meetings. Sought action on surface drainage water in Discovery, Sirius and adjoining Streets: Enjoyed a wonderful St Huberts Day B.B.Q.: Had a number of outings arranged through our Social calendar: Continued the negotiations with Gosford City Council on the canals and mooring saga.

(2) Our guest speaker is - Shannon O'Hagan Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

Shannon O'Hagan is the Community Liaison Officer for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service based in Erina.

Her role as the Community Liaison Officer for the Central Coast is to raise

the profile of the helicopter and the work it performs on Central Coast with the aim of raising much needed funds to keep the helicopters operational. Shannon works with Businesses and the Community in a number of ways to achieve this. We are the Community's own because more than half the running costs come from community donations, bequests, fund-raising events, payroll deduction, volunteer support groups and sponsorships.

(3) Wine Tasting A long time Island resident has arranged through the importer/distributor of these fine Italian wines a selection of red and white varieties for our tasting. Those what appeal to you as different for your cellar may be ordered in small lots at quite competitive prices.

We look forward to your company to sharing the Christmas Cheer with you. Please join with us to make the evening a community occasion.

Cheese and crackers will be served with tea and coffee.



From Everglades Bulletin - Club News (Men's Golf)

"I have mentioned Bob fahey's extraordinary ability to win trophies and asked the "font of knowledge" (our handicapper Keith Nelson) if he could tell me how many times Bob has won a "Nearest the Pin" trophy and he came up with a figure of 19 times since joining us in January - unfortunately this is not something the handicapper has any control over"

Congratulations Bob

Our Very Own Councillor - Geoff Strickson

Congratulations, Geoff Strickson . At the recent local government elections Geoff became a councillor on Gosford City Council. Geoff has been an island resident for some years now and it is great that we can put resident concerns direct to a councillor who knows the problems we face.

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Charity Queen - 2008 - Karen Austin

Karen Austin local resident and proprietor of Indulge Yourself Beauty & Body Treatment by Karen is crowned "Oyster Festival Charity Queen 2008". Despite being a late entrant and having great difficulty with time raised more than \$8,000.00 for breast cancer research. Great effort Congratulations Karen.

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ST HUBERTS Island family BBQ

Sunday November 2, 2008

The St Huberts Island family BBQ was held on Sunday 2nd November. Unlike previous years the rain kept away, and a good time was had by everyone.

Approx. 80 Island residents and friends enjoyed a lazy Sunday afternoon together at Long Arm Reserve feasting on sausages.

Thanks to our sponsors Professionals at Ettalong, Bendigo Bank at Ettalong for their ongoing patronage.

The Island Committee look forward to seeing as many residents as possible at the next St Huberts Island family BBQ on the first Sunday in November 2009 (weather permitting).



C'MON SANTA



Speeding boats/jet skis

With summer holidays coming and the need to get out on the water, don't forget the need for observing speed limits around the island. Take care of wash from vessels as this is a cause of deterioration of sea walls.

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Presidents Report

Much has been achieved during 2008 and I commend the work of the committee, not only for this year, but for the years preceding for the ground works they have put in to have achieved those positive results during this year.

Mooring and Pontoons

In respect to saga moorings I am informed that unauthorised moorings in the canals are to be removed by council, this has only been achieved after a lot of pressure from the committee - by the time this report is published the unauthorised moorings should have been removed.

Pontoons now are becoming more prevalent and a fund is being accumulated in council's accounts for the maintenance of the canals. The committee is keeping this matter before Gosford Council and when Brisbane Waters studies are complete I believe we will be in a position to achieve some much needed maintenance to the canals.

Also at the meeting we will give consideration to a possible change of format to a dinner meeting for the March Annual General Meeting.

Committee membership 2009

In March 2009 the Annual General Meeting of the association will be held and all of the positions on the committee will become vacant. I encourage all residents of St Huberts Island to give serious consideration to becoming involved in the committee and nominating for any of the positions available.

On behalf of the committee I wish all residents of this magnificent island a very Merry Christmas, a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2009.

Ron Spratt OAM

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Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

On any given day someone on the Central Coast will be in need of urgent medical care and many times the fastest and most efficient way to get there is on the Westpac rescue Helicopter.

We read, hear in the news and see the helicopters frequently transporting patients to higher medical care. Whether it be a transfer from one of our regional hospitals to specialist care in Sydney, people injured in road, rural or industrial accidents, surf rescues from our beaches, assisting in fire fighting and other search and rescue emergencies.

The Central Coast is served by the benchmark Service that covers not only the Central Coast but the Hunter and Mid North Coast. Its twin engine helicopters are within minutes of all parts of the regions and since its inception in the early 1970's medical care and emergency rescue has changed dramatically.

The number of missions the Service performs in the Central Coast region continues to grow. Recent figures show that the helicopter's services are utilised on average 2 times per week and people who are transported are not required to pay.

The community owned Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service is an integral part of the health care chain in which the medical profession and the department of health need to transfer patients.

The Service operates 24 hours a day, every day of the year and it costs approximately \$8 million per annum to keep the helicopters and crews able to respond when needed. Of this, \$5 million comes from the support of the community. The remainder is contracts with the NSW Government through the Department of health and NSW Ambulance.

For further information contact Shannon O'Hagan 4336 4627 or

Shannon.ohagan@rescuehelicopter.com.au

Find out more about the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service at

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Based on this the best current advice is to drink heavily and recycle. - not a bad thought on a wine tasting night.

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