



The Island News

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

PO BOX 247, ETTALONG BEACH 2257

MARCH 2007

New Committee to be Elected

Now is the time to stand for election or nominate someone who you think would be interested - nomination form is in this newsletter.

Annual General Meeting

All residents are invited to attend the AGM in Peridon Viliage Hall, Empire Bay Drive, Empire Bay on Thursday March 8, 2007 at 7.30pm. This is an open forum where all matters of interest to island residents can be discussed. The new committee will also be elected on the night.

A small plate of food would be appreciated to contribute to the supper, about 9pm after the meeting. If you would require a lift to the meeting please call Bob 4342 1061



Guest Speaker

We have been successful in having **Chris Hartcher MP**, our sitting Local Member of Parliament to come along and address the meeting.

OUR ISLAND

There is something special about living on St Huberts Island, we have a nice place to live good neighbours and friends and in most cases a caring interest in our environment and our community. The Island Association is dedicated to the well being of these principles. In recent times there has not been continuing support in attendance at the meetings. We have from time to time had interesting guest speakers and arranged social functions like the Island barbecue, the garden cup of tea for cancer research and various dine outs, we do hope you will continue to support these functions.

A special outing has been arranged. **LUNCH AT PALM BEACH R.S.L.**
Friday 29th April

TRAVEL - Ettalong / Palm Beach Ferry

Meet at Ferry Wharf 11.00am Bookings phone Dianne Tweed 4344 3043 also if you need transport.

HOPE TO SEE MANY RESIDENTS ON THIS OUTING

If you have any ideas as to future activities of the association please attend the Annual General Meeting and tell us about it.

Or better still nominate for the committee.

Presidents Report

Your committee has for some years been committed to the formalising of boating facilities in the canals of the island. Whilst there have been other matters which have taken the time of your committee during this period, the matter of boating facilities has been most time consuming. I can understand the lethargy of residents to attend a meeting to hear what seems to be a broken record, this fight is now over, I hope, and we can now move on.

Ron Spratt OAM - President

The unsightly graffiti that faces us every day when we drive off the Island will be removed this Sunday as part of "Clean Up Australia Day" by Terry Bownds, an Island resident and owner of Hydro Blast (Aust) Central Coast. Hydro Blast specialises in all types of high pressure water blasting to remove oil, greas, gum, mould and graffiti, they can also provide coatings for sealing to a wide range of surfaces. **Terry can be contacted on 0418 489806 or 1800 8111 119 for more information**

Salvation Army Christmas Appeal 2006

Congratulations to Robert Hughes and his band of merry men, women and children who took to the streets of St Huberts Island to collect for the Salvation Army.

This was another resounding success with foods, toys and presents being collected together with cash in excess of \$2,200.00. **THANK YOU ISLAND RESIDENTS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**

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Ab. Fab. Ceramics Studio

CERAMICS NEWS: Now the extensions at #107 are completed, I'm finally in a position to plan what '07 holds for Ab. Fab !

Many have asked if I'm planning to resume classes - whilst selling @ Terrigal Markets is keeping me busy, I'm missing having students.

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Clean up Australia Day will be held on the Island on **Sunday 4th March 2007** between 9-00am and 12-00 noon.

Muster point assembly will be at the bottom of St Huberts Island bridge from 9-00am.

Come along and help clean up our lovely island. Volunteers should wear sturdy footwear, a hat, sun screen and gloves.

Children are encouraged to attend but are to be accompanied by a parent or guardian,



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ENTRY STATEMENT

Activity is progressing in respect to the proposed entry statement at the St Hubert Island Bridge. We are now moving to the construction stage with Gosford City Council.

Plans have been prepared by island resident Louise Williams, and engineering drawing are being prepared by Halcrow & Associates all of this work has been provided as a community project, my thanks go to these folk for the donation of their valuable time and expertise.

Your committee is now seeking anybody prepared to make a contribution to the project by way of a contractor prepared to enter into a contract with Gosford City Council or for the donation of money or materials. Due to current workplace safety issues the matter of labour must be by council or its subcontractor. But donations of sand, cement, concrete, reinforcing steel or concrete blocks would be most appreciated by the committee, so if you are able to assist please contact me on 43433 1540 or any member of the committee.

Ron Spratt



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BOATING IN THE CANALS

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I report that Gosford City Council at it's meeting in December 2006 have adopted a policy which relates to existing boating facilities (including boat ramps, pontoons and moorings) in the canals of the island.

This position was not obtained without considerable effort by your committee over the more than a decade during which this matter has been under consideration.

Boat Ramps

A hard fought battle was won with council when I addressed the meeting. There will not be the need for residents to lodge a development application for existing boat ramps which are in good condition and generally complying with the requirements of Development Control Plan (DCP) 145, this in essence means there is a direct saving to residents of several thousand dollars and the lack of anxiety generated in dealing with the various government departments needed to be consulted in lodging such a development application.

Pontoons and Moorings

Gosford City Council has now adopted a policy whereby a development application can be lodged for these facilities which have existed without the prior consent of the council. This does not mean that all will be approved and there will be some residents with existing boating facilities which will not meet with the requirements of DCP 145 and may need to be adjusted or in some cases removed, but is a step in the right direction for regularisation and uniformity of the facilities in the canals.

I encourage all residents with existing boating facilities which have not previously had a council consent to lodge a development application.

Fees for permissive occupancy's (Pontoons and Moorings)

Associated with the regularisation of the boating facilities in the canals will be the payment of fees to initiate the application and the ongoing licence fees for the occupation of the land (permissive occupancy's) which is the canal. Council has previously resolved that the fees for the occupation of the canal, together with the interest therefrom and moneys which council may from time to time vote to that account be used for the maintenance of the canals. So all I can say is the moneys will not be lost to the St Huberts Island community.

NOMINATION FOR THE ELECTION OF - PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT,
SECRETARY, TREASURER, AND FOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Person(s) Proposed.....

Position(s) Proposed.....

Signature of Nominee.....

Signature of Nominator.....

Signature of Seconder.....

NB All nominees and nominators must be paid-up members of the Association

WARNING

THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE ISLAND IS



SQUARE DANCING

Starting Now Trial Night in March
Come along



Island residents and friends are invited to join our SQUARE DANCE CLUB called "THE PENINSULAR RIPPERS". We meet at the Ettalong Senior Citizens Hall on Tuesday nights starting at 7.00pm and finishing at 10.00pm.

Our great live caller is Les Heaton and together with Joyce his lovely wife have been leading the club for 21 years this March.

Our club was selected to open the 42nd Annual National Convention at Tamworth in 2001 with a spectacular rendition of Square Dancing of the future.

Besides an excuse to dress up and socialise the most important aspect to the dance is that of exercise both physical and mental. "If you don't use it you lose it". A wonderful way to keep fit with no pain.

We are starting beginners classes on the 20th March so come along for a free lesson, normally \$7.00 with a cuppa thrown in. The hall is Air Conditioned for your comfort.

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