



The Island News

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

PO BOX 247, ETTALONG BEACH 2257

MARCH 2006

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 Village Hall, Empire Bay Drive, Empire Bay on Thursday March 9, 2006 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

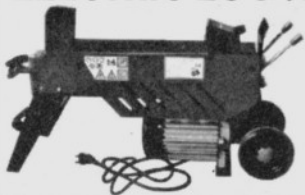
PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2005/2006

It has again been an honour to serve as President of your association for the year. I must convey my heartfelt thanks to the hardworking and cohesive committee which we have been most fortunate to have had for the 2005/2006 year.

Planning for the Entry Statement is moving along and my thanks to Louise Williams an island resident and proprietor of LAW Building who has been kind enough to donate her time and effort to prepare working drawings for the proposed entry statement so that the project can proceed another step forward.

Clean up Australia Day March 5 2006 needs the support of all residents so that those areas on the island in need of that little clean up can be dealt with. Generally the clean up of the island has proceeded well again with the assistance of Rick Hodges and his staff of Gosford City Council Woy Woy Depot, thanks Rick.

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Indian Myna Birds continue to be a nuisance on the island and that we must go to those residents who are actively involved in reducing the number of these pests and for those who have prepared the necessary approved trapping devices.

In the matter of boating in the canals I draw attention of residents to the Development Control Plan 145 currently on public exhibition by Gosford City Council. Maritime NSW (previously Waterways Authority) have now taken a positive position in relation to moorings and the amended DCP includes requirements for moorings in the canals.

'St Huberts Day' island barbecue was again well attended and special thanks to all of the helpers and supporters - The Professionals Ettalong Beach and The Bendigo Bank for their support.

Copies of the book "St Huberts Island 1788-2000 an Historical Account" are still available and residents who have not yet obtained their copy should do so before supplies run out.

Our newsletter again this year has been an outstanding success; it is a vital communication link with the residents. The Honorary Editor Neville Smith is doing a magnificent job and has produced a very professional publication. This newsletter could not exist without the financial support of the local businesses who continue to advertise in the newsletter. My thanks and the thanks of the committee go to all who support the newsletter and the special events of the year, the committee would find it difficult to operate without this very valuable support both in kind and financially.

Wishing all residents and friends a happy and healthy year ahead.

Ron Spratt OAM
President
February 22 2006

EDITORIAL-LOCAL BUSINESSES

Need Plans and Ideas for Renovations - Look no further than island resident Louise Williams trading as LAW Building, phone 4341 7371. Louise has been assisting the president in that she has prepared the working drawings for the proposed entry statement.

Louise has had 23 years experience in design and drafting of architectural plans. She is a multi award winner in building design, having been the recipient of several awards for residential buildings and non residential alterations and additions. Louise is also president of the Building Design Association of NSW Central Coast Branch. She has many new and innovative ideas in the area of building alterations and additions and is looking forward to having some projects on the island to show of her abilities.



Island Gifts

The very popular wine glasses
and our History books are available
from our secretary, Bob Fahey .



CLEA PAUSTRALIA DAY 5th MARCH 2006

Clean Up Australia Day will again be held on the Island on the morning of Sunday 5th March 2006. Come along and help make the Island a cleaner place to live. Please muster 9-30am at the bottom of the St Huberts Island bridge. Bring gloves and wear enclosed shoes. Last year approx 10 bags of rubbish plus miscellaneous garbage was collected.



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Person(s) Proposed.....
Position(s) Proposed.....
Signature of Nominee.....
Signature of Nominator.....
Signature of Secunder.....

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

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ISLAND RESIDENTS PARTICULARLY THOSE ON THE CANAL FRONTS

It is important for all residents, particularly those on canal front properties to be aware that Gosford City Council has on public exhibition amendments to Development Control Plan (DCP) 145 - Boating Facilities in St Huberts Island Canals; closing date for submissions is March 17 2006.

This has been a culmination of more than a decade of effort by your committee and interested residents and we hope this will see the end to this matter.

The DCP proposes two significant amendments in philosophies:-

- (1) The provision of a "positive covenant" in lieu of "caveat" to be placed on the title of a premises where approval is sought for a pontoon. This is seen as a preferable position and one the committee has been seeking for many years; and
- (2) The incorporation of conditions for the approval of moorings in the canals and the updating of the DCP to reflect current legislation and thinking.

There is basic support within the committee for the amendments to the DCP but I would encourage all residents to view the amendments and to make comment by the due date.

In respect to the matter there is an air of urgency as Gosford City Council must finalise the consideration and amendments to the DCP prior to April 30 2006 or the window of opportunity for any amendments will close until the Gosford City Planning Scheme is amended which is seen as some years away

Ron Spratt OAM
President



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ST HUBERTS ISLAND

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ROAD SAFETY

ST HUBERTS ISLAND IS 50 K.P.H.

The traffic police have been active on Helmsman Blvde, booking a number of drivers for speeding, dangerous driving and crossing double lines. Please talk to the driving members of your family. Ducks and Plovers using the road causes drivers to swerve at speed, this is extremely dangerous. Remember there are walkers and cyclist particularly in the AM. The left lane is not an overtaking lane as the police politely point out.



SLOW DOWN



WATER AND SEWERAGE

A number of residents have reported malfunctioning toilet systems. The water from the pan drains completely away leaving in some cases an awful odour. Initially after phoning Council residents were told it was a job for a plumber/drainer. This is not so. In the cases we know of the council sewerage maintenance team have said it is temporary fault in the vacuum system which they have quickly fixed.

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