



The Island News

ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

'The Central Coast's Island in the Sun'

PO BOX 247, ETTALONG BEACH 2257

JUNE 2006

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Presidents Report May 2006

After more than a decade of persistence and effort from your committee I am now able to report that Gosford City Council has on, April 4 2006, finalised Development Control Plan (DCP) 145 Boating Facilities in St Huberts Island Canals. The DCP applies to all structures within the canals of St Huberts Island including floating pontoons, moorings and boat ramps.

This has been a long and consistent battle with council and council staff but I am pleased to say that the finalisation has been to the satisfaction of your committee. There has been many and varied obstacles placed in the path of the finalisation and all have been overcome. The next matter is to implement the plan. There are not only those residents who seek to install new structures: there are those who have taken it upon themselves to install the structures prior to the DCP becoming a reality. In respect to those existing structures a procedure has been placed within the DCP

Section 7.2 Management Principles for Boating Facilities states:-

- d. "Council, as the canal land owner, will refuse. to authorise submission of a development application that does not generally comply with the provisions of this Plan. Existing development that requires consent but has been constructed without consent can be regularised if Council approves a building certificate and grants development consent for the use of the structure. This will apply to structures that satisfy the requirements of this Plan."

Within the past weeks I have had the benefit of discussions with the relevant council staff and I am advised that there is a readiness to accept development applications in respect of all structures including existing pontoons and moorings. Also I am advised that there may be a situation that the council cannot withhold the owners consent as set out in the DCP for structures which don't satisfy the provisions of the DCP.

During consideration of the changes to the DCP the matter of integrated development status was discussed and the DCP contains a notation:-

“Approval for applications not submitted as Integrated Development applications will be conditioned to obtain the relevant consents/permits from relevant Integrated bodies. If those consents/permits cannot be obtained any development consent would be invalid and unable to be acted upon.”

In respect to structures within the canals there will be the need to lodge development applications with Gosford City Council with all of the relevant documentation, simply by the lodgement of a development application it does not guarantee an approval. All of the requirements of the DCP need to be met and it will be necessary for the applicants to enter into a deed of agreement with Gosford City Council for permission to use the land, which is the canal, for erecting of the structure and the berthing of the vessel. A fee for this use will also be required to be paid to council on an annual basis. Council has resolved that the fees so paid are to be kept in a particular fund, with the interest there from together with moneys which

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council may vote from time to time to be used for the maintenance of the canals.

There are many variations to situations which will arise in respect to the development of the canals with structures used for boating purposes. I am sure any member of the island committee will be only too happy to assist residents where possible, however I must stress that committee members are not in a position to give any legal advice, any comments made by any member of the committee will be to the best of their ability and knowing that the final decision on any matter will rest with the Gosford City Council or the Land and Environment Court.

Once the matters of the boating facilities in the canals have been established then this will generate a fund which your association can put pressure on Gosford City Council to maintain the canals which have not been maintained since the construction of St Huberts Island in the 1970's.

Ron Spratt
President
May 2006

A resident on St Huberts Island, Margaret Finney has been awarded two prizes in artwork. At the recent May 2006 Gosford Art Show Margaret was given A First Prize in "works on paper" section for her U.S. Collagraph "Scorched @ Fragile" and a Second in the "open section" for her U.S. Collagraph "Chared & Brittle".



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Big Cuppa Morning Tea for Cancer Research

Our Island community fund raiser was held on Saturday morning at Heather and Bob Faheys home. The early bad weather no doubt left it up to the stalwarts to get along and support the effort to raise funds for research into this insidious disease. The sum of \$576.00 was raised and will be sent off to the Cancer Research Fund. Well done everyone.

Many thanks to those who gave their time to support our donations and raffle. Thanks to Franklins Supermarket, Woy Woy for their price allowance on the large hamper won by Shiela Thornton. Thanks also to those who generously donated bottles of wine, the indoor plant and other gifts awarded as raffle prizes. Gary Dibley and Neville Smith, our master raffle spruikers, did a wonderful job. A special thanks to those who brought along the delicious home made scones, cakes and sandwiches for this occasion. Those who helped with the setting up and behind the serving table worked tirelessly all morning with Karina and Alana handing food around.

Our Morning Tea Pictorial



Sheila Thornton with young
Kirsten Tweed



Bob Fahey and prize winner Shelley Mackay

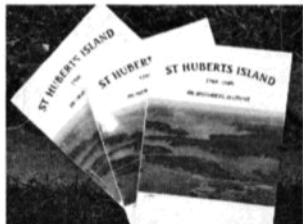


Bob & Caroline Smith with
Jodi Tweed on right



Island Gifts

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and our History books are available
from our secretary, Bob Fahey .



Neighbourhood Watch

In view of recently published events we ask residents to "look out" for your next door and near neighbours. If you are going away let your neighbour know.
It is also important to secure your property, unfortunately we need to be very careful these days about bogus people offering all sorts of deals, only talk to door knockers through your safety door, if in doubt phone someone.

+ RED CROSS

This years "RED CROSS CALLING" held during March, was very successful - thanks to the collectors Diane Tweed, Rachel Bohlen, Carolyn Smith, Tyler Johnson and Doug Swinburn.

A total of \$1727.55 was collected, all of which will be used in the Gosford area - more volunteers would make the job much easier. Anyone interested please contact Doug Swinburn on 4341 5454

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