



The Island News

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

PO BOX 247, ETTALONG BEACH 2257

DECEMBER 2006

All residents are invited to attend the Quarterly General Meeting in Peridon Village Hall, Empire Bay Drive, Empire Bay on Thursday December 14 2006 at 7.30pm.

A small plate of food would be appreciated to contribute to the supper which is held about 9pm after the meeting.

If you would require a lift to the meeting please call Bob 4342 1061

Guest Speaker: Rev Jim Doust & Mrs Elaine Doust. Now retired Minister of the Anglican Church.

Rev Jim & Elaine are Island residents having settled here in 2002. Jim spends some time as a locum pastor in various Parishes. In recent times he and Elaine were stationed on Lord Howe Is. and Norfolk Is. Jim was an accredited Chaplain to our team at the 2000 Olympics.

They spent 14 months in Algiers during the civil strife in Algeria during which 100,000 people lost their lives.

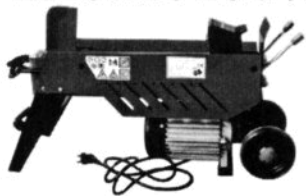
Another more recent posting took Jim & Elaine to Egypt where Jim was acting Dean of the Cairo Cathedral. Their work took them to Ethiopia as visiting chaplain. This experience and the terrible famine facing many thousands of desperate refugees from Darfur will be spoken of by Jim & Elaine.

Jim attended the injured and was on hand to comfort survivors, family and friends after the tragic tour Bus crash south of Cairo earlier this year.

A most interesting presentation will include a video of some aspects of Jim & Elaine's Ministry and Missionary work.

Afterwards a light supper and Christmas cheer will be served.

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As we come to the end of 2006 and with the Christmas Season upon us quickly again I wish all residents, their families and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It would be delightful to see a full house at our December meeting to hear a most interesting resident The Rev Jim Doust talking of some of his experiences and to enjoy a little Christmas Cheer and fellowship with your island residents.

Attendance at meetings has been of concern to your committee for some time now. There is considerable effort put into the planning of meeting to make them as interesting as is possible. A section of the December meeting will be devoted to hear from any interested member as to how the format of meetings can be improved and any suggestions for future Guest Speakers so that they can be more appealing to the general membership of the association.

Ron Spratt OAM
President

WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING

A submission was made by your association in the "Recycler of the Year" competition organised by Gosford City Council and their contractors SITA Environmental Services. The submission received a credible review from the organising committee. St Huberts Island is a readily identifiable area and would be an easy area for surveys to be conducted in respect to waste collection. From observations of the island waste collection is carried in a very commendable way and residents are requested to keep up the good work in this regard.



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Crime will increase over the Xmas holiday period. Ensure houses and garages are locked, even when at home and do not leave valuables in cars, even if locked.

Be alert to what is going on in your area and report any suspicious circumstances to Woy Woy Police. 4379 7399

If you are to be away for any length of time tell your neighbour or someone near by.

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SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS APPEAL

SATURDAY 9, DECEMBER 2006

Robert Hughes - The Professionals Ettalong Beach - has again arranged for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal this year and he and his merry band of collectors will be around the island from about 9am Saturday December 9. The island residents have always been very generous in their support for this wonderful Salvation Army Christmas Appeal.

So please watch out for Rob, his Salvation Army Officers and all of the helpers who will do the island walk and visit each and every household seeking donations large or small, cash, food, toys and unwanted items in good condition. Believe me when I say it all goes to such a wonderful cause. If you want to join in please do so or phone Robert prior to the day on 4342 7900.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Don't forget to take a stroll in the evenings to see our beautiful displays of Christmas light on the island. Some of our residents spend weeks preparing for this festive event that enlightens the hearts of everyone.

WARNING BEWARE OF RAZOR FISH

Razor fish have been seen around St Huberts Island, they are found around the low water mark in sand or mud. They sit upright in the water and can cause nasty cuts to your feet.

Please be careful, they are very dangerous and can be as sharp as a RAZOR.

According to www.spinifexsafaris.com.au the majority of Australian commercial harvest of Razorfish is shipped to Japan, because it is a popular sashimi ingredient.



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Left the Winner of the Plaque is Sonya White,
Centre the kids with the recycling bags won in the Recycler
of the Year Competition, Right some of our Sponsors

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BOATING

The warmer weather and the festive season bring increased boating activity for waterfront residents family and guests. The surrounds of St Huberts Island have boat speed limits. The entrance to and the canals are restricted to 4 knots and are "No Wash Area".

We ask boat, jet-ski, owners and drivers to be conscious of the foreshore erosion wave wash causes. The sea wall and boat ramp undermining is becoming a major worry. A recently replaced wall cost the property owner approx. \$25,000.

We ask all to proceed at "low speed no wash". Observe safety rules for passengers like vests etc. Waterways NSW Maritime will be paying special attention to speed, safety and licensing requirements.

Safe boating and Happy Days for the Festive Season.

DUCKS AND OTHER WILD LIFE

Don't feed the ducks - Wild Life officers have again advised that we should not feed bread, etc., to the ducks as this is not a natural food for them and causes the duck distress. Feeding of ducks around the home only encourages them to frequent the home environment including swimming pools in yours and your neighbour's home.

Waste bread is also an encouragement for Myna birds which are becoming a bigger pest on the island.

LOCAL BUILDING DESIGNER WINS AWARDS

Island resident Louise Williams - LAW Building Design received 2 awards from the Building Designers Association of NSW.

Louise received the award for Best use of Glass for a Waterfront Residence at Booker Bay and Commendation award for A Unit Development at Ettalong Beach. Congratulations Louise

Regards Ron Spratt



RESIDENT OF
ST HUBERTS ISLAND

Whether building a new home, renovating or developing it is important that you receive the right advice. Finding the right person to advise you is the most significant step you will take.

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