



The Island News

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

PO BOX 247, ETTALONG BEACH 2257

DECEMBER 2005

Christmas Meeting 7.30 pm on Thursday December 8 2005 at Peridon Village Hall, Come Along and hear our Guest Speaker - Matthew Wales

PRESIDENT'S REPORT DECEMBER 2005

Message from The President - Christmas 2005

The Christmas Season is upon us quickly again and I wish all residents, their families and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Come along to the meeting and enjoy a little Christmas Cheer and fellowship with the island residents.

Ron Spratt OAM
President



GUEST SPEAKER

Matthew Wales - Wales & Associates Urban Planners. Matthew is a great source of knowledge of activities on the peninsular he is President - Peninsular Chamber of Commerce. Matthew has acted as consultant to many high profile developments in the area in his capacity as urban design. He has gladly given up his time to address the residents association on the various issues, including the Fast Ferry project, which affects our life in and around the island. I am sure you will find his address most interesting, informative and stimulating.

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BOATING IN THE CANALS

It has been ten years in the making but Gosford City Council has finally got the matter of boating facilities in the canals to a point where development applications can be received and boating facilities approved.. There is a glitch though Council is now in the process of updating the Development Control plan 145 Mooring Facilities on St Huberts Island. For almost 18 months your association has been in negotiations with NSW Maritime (previously Waterways Authority) in an endeavour to overturn that authorise ban on moorings in the canals of the island.

A meeting took place in the council offices in October 2005 and this was the most productive meeting I have been involved in with the various authorities. It seems we are all on the same wave length and all working towards a common goal. It seems that there has been a perception we were all playing on a different field.

From the minutes of the meeting in October 2005 Gosford City Council will be working without delay to implement the matter of positive covenant in lieu of the onerous requirement for a caveat where an approval is sought to erect a pontoon in the canal area adjacent to the residential property.

Also there has been a reversal of the position taken by NSW Maritime on the matter of moorings and the Development Control Plan is to be updated to take advantage of current legislative changes together with minor revisions to take account of current attitudes prior the Development Control Plan 145 being placed on public exhibition.

From the point of view of those existing pontoons and moorings there is to be some action by council and NSW Maritime to regularise such installations but I am of the belief that such action will not be taken until such time as the revision of Development Control Plan 145 has been finalised.

Any resident desirous of lodging a development application for a mooring or pontoon should give serious consideration to deferring such application until the DCP 145 has been finalised.

Ron Spratt OAM
President

Association Membership

All residents are reminded that the \$5.00 membership renewal fees are now due and your payment would be appreciated.

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 Areas".

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.

'SALVAT' N ARMY CHRISTMAS APPEAL'

Saturday 17 December 2005

Robert Hughes has again arranged to be 'Santa' for the Salvation Army this year and he and his merry band of collectors will be around the island from about 9am Saturday December 17. The Island residents have always been very generous in supporting this wonderful Christmas Appeal. So please watch out for Rob, his Salvation Army Officers along with all of the helpers who will do the island walk and visit each and every household asking for donations - large or small, cash donations, food donations, toys and unwanted items in good condition etc.. 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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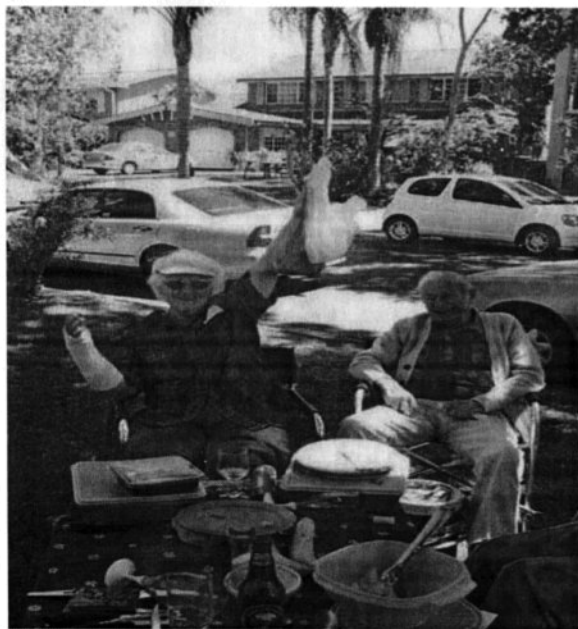
ST HUBERTS DAY 2005

The Annual St Huberts Day Family BBQ was held on Sunday 6th November.

The weather was terrific, although conditions looked a bit ominous in the morning and the day before.

Approx 150 residents, their families and friends enjoyed a great afternoon at Longarm Reserve.

Thanks to our sponsors the Professionals and Bendigo Bank Ettalong for subsidising the day. Thanks also to the volunteers for their help. Without their contributions, the day would not have been a success.



Some of our ladies enjoying a bit of cheer!



President Ron congratulates the winner of the Plaque.



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President Ron conducts the Island quiz, questions about our history. Below: Brian Wright from the Bendigo Bank presents President Ron with a cheque. Right: The Professionals present 2nd prize in the raffle.



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Wine Tasting

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We will probably do it again next year.



DINE OUT AT ZETTAS RESTAURANT WOYWOY

46 residents attended a most enjoyable night out, excellent food friendly service and lots of good fellowship. These events allow new arrivals to meet and make new friends. Many thanks to you all for making these outings such fun occasions.

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HOME SECURITY

It is most important that residents take precautions to protect their property inside and outside the home.

Recently there has been a stealing incident in Helmsman Blvde, Malicious damage in Boyd Place, and an incident in Nautilus Cres.

It is thought that thieves are prowling the waterways by small boat with outboard assisted by an accomplice on foot using a phone.

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