



# The Island News

ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

*'The Central Coast's Island In the Sun'*

PO BOX 247, ETTALONG BEACH 2257

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## President's Report August 2005

### *Boating in the canals*

Gosford Council is still in limbo in respect to this simple matter.

### *Entry Statement*

Your committee is now in a position to move on with this project. This is a costly exercise and what is needed is the provision of goods and or services by way of donation, so if there is any resident who is able to assist the committee in this regard please contact me on 4343 1540

### *Services required are:-*

- Design and drafting of plans
- Certification of simple engineering footings and brick walls
- Concrete / concreters, reinforcing steel
- Bricks / bricklaying
- Sand, cement, cement rendering
- Artworks for signage
- Paint / painting

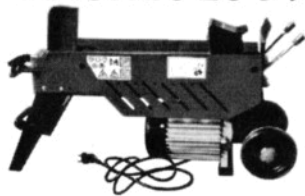
Can you help, any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

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.

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## **IT'S MAGPIE NESTING TIME**

***Reduce your chances of being swooped!***

Magpies are familiar to many of us and for most of the year they live quite happily with people within the urban environment. However, at breeding time magpies can become a nuisance bird as they seek to defend their territory in order to protect their young.

In the breeding season from August to October, magpies may swoop on people or pets they perceive as a threat to their nest. Swooping generally takes place for less than an 8-week period in Spring and this begins when the adult pair is nesting and finishes when the young leave the nest. Swooping magpies have been known to cause injuries and there are some simple things that we can do to minimise this risk. If you come too close to their breeding area they may attack.

People can take the following precautions during the short period when birds are actively protecting their territory. Because they hesitate to attack if they think they are being watched, they usually swoop from behind.

Do not feed magpies or other birds. Feeding magpies may make them more aggressive.

Do not deliberately provoke or harass the birds.

Take care as injuries can occur as a result of the birds striking.

Avoid the swooping area by taking an alternative route.

Wear a large, wide brim hat and sunglasses or carry an open umbrella.

Walk out of the birds' territory immediately, but do not run.

Keep an eye on the bird as this may discourage attack.

### **Bike Riders**

Get off your bike and walk rather than ride through the birds' territory.

Wear a helmet and sunglasses.

Fit a bike flag to your bike.

Magpies and other native birds are protected by law so if you feel a magpie is a serious menace, report it to the local National Parks and Wildlife Service office. For more information go to the Department of Environment and Conservation website at <http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/npws.nsf/Content/The+Australian+magpie>. There is a weblink to the Department's policy, "Management Of Native Birds That Show Aggression To People".

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## **St HUBERTS ISLAND FAMILY BBQ**

**Sunday 6th November 2005**

All Island residents and their friends are invited to the Annual St Huberts Island BBQ to be held at Long Arm Reserve from 11.30am on Sunday 6th November.

This is a free sausage sizzle and is sponsored by Professionals Real Estate and Bendigo Bank Ettalong. Sausages, bread, butter, sauces, etc will all be supplied.

There will be a raffle for a large Christmas hamper.

The traditional Island Quiz will give you a chance of having your name on the back of the coveted St Huberts Island plaque.

Bring a plate, some salad if required, liquid refreshments, a seat or blanket and a hat. Sunscreen will be provided free.

This is a great way to meet your fellow Islanders and neighbours.

Just a reminder, the St Huberts Island Residents Association is not in possession of any 3rd party liability insurance. Whilst the Association takes all care there is no responsibility accepted for anyone attending the bbq. Persons attending do so at their own risk.

## Dine-Out

Another of our most popular dinner nights is planned for late September at "C Js" restaurant Woy Woy, more details will be given at the 8th September meeting.

This is a good opportunity to arrange your own group or come along and join in with other residents and friends.

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## THEFT & VANDALISM

- \* Decorative garden lights were stolen from a house in Barracutta.
- \* Expensive shrubs stolen from garden boxes in Helmsman.
- \* Graffiti on newly painted wall in Helmsman.

If you see suspicious vehicles or people acting suspiciously call the local police 4341 9122

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## NATIONAL HEART FOUNDATION

The annual appeal will commence on 3rd September. A clearly identified collector will knock on your door. Your contribution will be very much appreciated.

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## WINE TASTING

Thursday 8th September at Peridon Hall following our September General Meeting. St Huberts Vineyard have released a selection of their new wines for our tasting.

Orders can be mixed 1, 2, or 3 bottles, a 10% discount on the cellar prices will apply.

In order to defray costs a donation of \$2.00 would be appreciated at the door. We look forward to you joining us on this occasion.

### *A brief description of the wines that will be available for tasting*

#### *St Huberts Pinot Noir 2003*

The 2003 St Huberts Pinot Noir is raspberry red with a subtle touch of purple in the glass. Aromas of fruit and spice develop into flavours of cherry and plum with a hint of Chinese five spice and delicate mouthfeel.

#### *St Huberts Sauvignon Blanc 2004*

The 2004 St Huberts Sauvignon Blanc is vibrant translucent yellow in the glass. Intense varietal aromas of gooseberry, tropical fruit, pineapple and passionfruit with a hint of grassiness are present on the nose. The palate offers well-balanced tropical fruit characters that are given further depth with a zesty acidity and a crisp clean finish.

#### *St Huberts Roussanne 2004*

The 2004 St Huberts Roussanne is pale straw with light green hues. Subtle spice, floral and flint aromas develop into a well-balanced palate that displays fresh orange peel and spice characters with a crisp, citrus finish.

#### *St Huberts Sparkling 2001*

The 2001 St Huberts Sparkling is soft straw in the glass with a delicate bead. Complex fruit and yeast aromas are present on the nose. These complex aromas develop on the palate supported by citrus flavours, developed creamy barrel characters and a crisp acidity.

#### *St Huberts Cabernet Merlot 2002*

Fresh garnet tones colour the glass and the nose displays the aromas of berry, leafy blackcurrant and dusty tobacco. These scents develop into soft flavours of briary fruit, earthy tones and cigar on a medium bodied palate. A backbone of spicy oak supports this elegant wine.

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## **St Huberts Cabernet Sauvignon 2002**

The 2002 St. Huberts Cabernet Sauvignon displays aromas of leafy blackcurrant capsicum and dusty tobacco with supporting backbone of toasty oak. The full-bodied palate is well balanced with a continuation of these flavours, fine tannins and acid structure combining with a long finish.

## **St Huberts Late Harvest Riesling 2004**

The 2004 St Huberts Late Harvest Riesling is vibrant translucent yellow in the glass. Perfumed citrus, mineral and floral notes on the nose develop into an elegant palate that displays orange blossom and ripe fruit flavours. This fruit driven wine has a good acid backbone and soft finish.

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## **DOMESTIC SMOKE ALARMS**

I used to think I would awaken if I smelt smoke in the house. **WRONG.** Smoke and reduced oxygen will put one into deeper sleep, with risk of death by asphyxiation. Recent multiple house fire deaths in NSW have occurred in houses without smoke alarms. Battery operated domestic smoke alarm prices start at about \$10. **EVERY** house should have one near the bedrooms and another outside the kitchen, with at least one on every level of the house. Most house fires start in the kitchen, with cooking the major cause. I have one smoke detector outside the bedroom connected into the back-to-base burglar alarm system. When initiated, the base operator rings the fire brigade if a phone call is not answered.

Refer to the attached NSW Fire Brigades Domestic Smoke Alarms Checklist

Copies of Fire Protection Association Australia booklet "Fire Safety At Home - Be Prepared" will be available to members at the September 8th meeting at Peridon Hall.

### **TEN TIPS FOR FIRE SAFETY AT HOME**

1. Take care in the kitchen. Never leave cooking unattended, always turn pot handles in.
2. Supervise children. Children need to be protected from fire, and from the potential for starting fires.
3. Heat your home safely. Place your heater at least one metre from flammable items such as curtains, furniture, toys and bedding.
4. Dispose of cigarettes safely. Wet down cigarette butts before discarding. Never smoke in bed.
5. Take care with electricity. Have an electrician check the electrical wiring throughout your home. Keep your home appliances in good working order.
6. Install a smoke alarm. Keep your smoke alarms clean, and test them regularly.
7. Plan your home escape. Create an escape plan and practise escaping from your home.
8. Use home security that lets you get out quickly. Keep a key in the dead-lock so that you can escape quickly in the event of a fire.
9. Check portable fire extinguishers. Check the pressure gauge on the extinguisher regularly.
10. Be prepared. Know which fire safety equipment to use, and know how to use it.

## Local Trades and services

In our newsletter we endeavour to give some editorial comment to local businesses, there are now several Real Estate Agents trading on the island and we accept advertisements from them all and promote as equal all local businesses. Last month we gave some comment of two which had recently changed hands now we refer to two local agents.

Action Property Group has taken over the only office on the island and is a relative newcomer to the scene. Action Property Group is also located at Daleys Point and Woy Woy, Stuart Ireland Sales Consultant, a very active guy, when I phoned he was pounding the pavement in the "City to Surf".

Raine and Horne St Huberts Island another of the local Real Estate agents having a presence on the island with the Tregent family being long standing residents of St Huberts Island.

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