



# The Island News

ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

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

PO BOX 247, ETTALONG BEACH 2257

JUNE 2005

## *Guest Speaker*

General meeting at Peridon Hall on Thursday 9th June at 7.30 pm, guest speakers will be Rev. Jim Doust and wife Elaine.

Jim and Elaine are Island residents who have been on loan in Christian ministries in the city of Algiers.

The presentation will centre around Algerian adventures as experienced during their stay.

We are hoping for a good attendance and should you require transport please call Bob Fahey on 4342 1061.

## **President's Report May 2005**

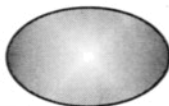
At the time of writing this report there has been no finalisation of the matter of boating facilities in the canals of the island and Gosford City Council's banning moorings. Your committee has though been busy in consulting with all of the elected councillors in an endeavor to put our point of view across th them and have this draconian ban on mooring scrapped.

## **St Huberts Island web site**

A am pleased to report that St Huberts Island Residents Association has now an official web site [www.sthubertsisland.com](http://www.sthubertsisland.com) - this is achieved by the efforts of island resident Cameron Grey. This is no minimal effort and I must congratulate Cameron for the considerable effort he has put in to make this web site a reality. This is not the end of the matter and we can now rest on our laurels. The web site can only be effective if we all use it and contribute to the maintenance of the site.

Island Offset

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# ***PRINTER***

An Island  
Resident

Cameron has also made available on the web site a provision for ( ) advertisers in the newsletter to have a page to display their advertisement, at this stage, at no additional cost to them. Should any of the advertisers require Cameron to develop a site for them then they will need to contact Cameron and make the necessary arrangements and pay for the services.

In discussions with Cameron it is envisaged a directory will be developed within the web site for all interested providers of services, trades people and the like to be included on the web site. All those interested should contact me to enable the details to be collated and referred on to Cameron for inclusion of the web site.

All residents with access to the internet should visit the site and we welcome your feed back. Visit [www.sthubertsisland.com](http://www.sthubertsisland.com)

## Guest Speaker

It is great to announce that The Rev Jim Doust - an island resident is available to address the June meeting of the association on his most recent and vital christian and humanitarian work in countries overseas. Jim is only home for a very brief time and it will be most rewarding and entertaining for residents who can attend the meeting and hear first hand the extent of Jim's workings.

Ron Spratt OAM  
President



## BE AWARE

The Indian Myna birds have wiped out bird life in areas of the shire. Please do not leave food scraps or pet food in the open, we are hopeful of getting a trapping programme underway but in the meantime we seek your cooperation.



## Island Gifts

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



A small number of books are available at just \$10.00 each. The book provides some fascinating photos and anecdotes and can be purchased from any of the Committee members of the Association or at the General Meeting on 9th June 2005.



## Clean Up Australia Day

The secretary of our Association presents some young helpers with a certificate of appreciation from The Clean Up Australia Day Council.

About a dozen islanders volunteered on 6th March 2005 to help clean up our island with the parks and reserves being targeted.

It was good to see children (supervised by parents) getting involved. Davistown RSL Fishing Club also gave a hand (in boats) to clean up the island foreshores and its surrounds.

## BOATING TIPS

Being an active member of the local Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol I go out on a wide variety of "assists" to vessels in trouble. One of the most common is to vessels that have ran aground. However in many cases where a vessel is only lightly stranded there are steps that can be taken by the master and the crew to possibly get off under their own power, these being:

Immediate actions

1. Do not apply power and try to push your way across, you will only put your vessel harder aground.
2. Do not shift immediately into reverse and increase engine power, you may suck up mud and sand and possibly damage your engine not to mention the propellers.

Instead

Assess the situation, is there any structural damage, is the vessel taking on water, what is the state of the tide, where is deeper water and if on rocks remember the rocks you are sitting on may be the only thing keeping you afloat.

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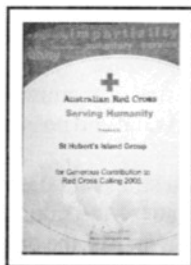
3. Reduce draft, or in simple terms reduce the weight in the vessel, drain your live bait tank, place heavy items in your dinghy (if you have one) etc.
4. If on a yacht try putting a bucket of water out on the end of the boom and all aboard move to the side you have swung the boom, often this action is enough to heel the vessel over and swing the keel out of the sand.
5. Put out the anchor in the direction you wish to move, this can be done by taking the anchor out in the dinghy or by floating it out on life jackets, then set the anchor and use the winches or hand power to pull the vessel off (this process is known as kedging).
6. Use the tide, obviously if it is low tide it may only be a matter of waiting until the high tide arrives and you can float yourself off.
7. Use the wake of a nearby vessel to break the suction with the bottom.

If all these moves are not successful or you have any concerns do not hesitate to get on the radio and call Coastal Patrol for assistance.

Happy boating Gary Dibley Vice President

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St Huberts Island Physiotherapist - Lisa Swan an island resident of long standing has now ventured out in her own business and is available to bring her physiotherapy expertise into your home.

Daleys Point Swim School - an indoor heated pool in the Daley Point Centre. Katie Diamond, the proprietor, although not an island resident is providing a much needed service to island residents located near to the top of the bridge a great facility with a friendly approach for learn to swim classes and hydrotherapy exercise.

Heirloom Baby - Robyn Peters, long time island resident now has her shop located at East Gosford and specializes in christening gowns, pure wool shawls and beautiful baby wear.

Island Offset Printing - Neville Smith has been an island resident almost as long as the island has been in existence and he can handle all of your printing needs.

ABFAB Ceramics Local Ceramist Gail Steele was again successful at the Royal Easter Show this year. Gail recently made a very special commemorative platter for me so don't forget her for those special presents and events she is great.

Real Estate Agents Musical Chairs - Simon Eyre now trading as Ray White Simon Eyre and the Professional Ettalong has now changed hands. Bob Oliver after only a short time has handed over the baton to Rob Hughes. We wish Bob Oliver the very best in his retirement and wish Rob Hughes and Simon Eyre all the best in their new ventures.

The association has a responsibility to all of the residents and as there are now several Real Estate Agents trading on the island and we accept advertisements from them and promote as equal all local businesses.

### Disclaimer

Whilst the honorary editor and your association accepts in good faith advertisements in this newsletter and editorial comment is made, we cannot provide any form of guarantee for the goods or services provided

Ron Spratt OAM

President

**TO ALL ADULTS, CHILDREN, RESIDENTS & VISITORS**  
*Feeding Ducks Creates A Health Hazard*

We have discussed with National Parks and Wildlife officers the duck population as well as the bad practice of well meaning people feeding bread to the ducks.

Firstly it is bad for the ducks. Bread is not in their natural diet and results in bacteria forming causing gut problems and infections. This often results in weaker ducklings with a shortened life span. You may see a group of 6 or 8 paddle by and a few days later reduced to 3 or 4.

Apart from being unhealthy for the ducks feeding distracts them from their natural habitat where they can forage in the wetlands. If they become resident on the Island, the result is nuisance night noise, offensive infected mess around paths, patios and pool surrounds. Mess in the pools can lead to ear nose and throat complaints.

Feeding of the ducks and birds has led to the unwanted black/brown Indian Myna birds that kill our lovely native birds.

**YOUR ASSISTANCE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**



**The Biggest Morning Tea**

The rain stopped and the sun shone for Bob and Heather Fahey who hosted the Biggest Morning Tea on the island on Saturday 21st May 2005.

About 80 residents enjoyed a cuppa and were spoilt with delicious sandwiches and cake and aided cancer research at the same time.

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