



The Island News

ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

'The Central Coast's Island In the Sun'

PO BOX 247, ETTALONG BEACH 2257

DECEMBER 2004

The next General Meeting is 9th December, 2004, at 7.30pm in the Peridon Village Hall on Empire Bay Drive, Daleys Point.

Message From The President - Christmas 2004

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.

This year has been an extremely busy one again for the committee, your committee this year has been an expanded one from years before and all have worked tirelessly for the island and I commend them all for their untiring efforts.

Mooring Facilities on St Huberts Island

It would have been delightful to have reported that the matter of boating in the canals has been resolved but as usual Gosford City Council has had a turn around, as I reported last year it seems that at each turn council staff put up another obstacle, this year has been no different.

My major concern now is the Gosford City Council are endeavoring to prohibit the long standing practice of mooring of vessels in the canals. No I don't mean the berthing of vessels at pontoons but the practice of moorings located on the base of the canals. This recent innovation has been brought about by the intervention, at the 11th hour, of NSW Maritime (previously Waterways Authority). The Matter of mooring facilities on St Huberts Island has been on public exhibition on many occasions over the past decade and NSW Maritime, without enunciating the problems, rely on the bland statement of "safety issues". The matter will need to be the subject of a further public exhibition to amend the Development Control Plan 145 as adopted by Gosford City Council in November 2000. All residents who are in favor of moorings in canals will need to lodge objections to any proposal to vary the Development Control Plan 145 which would have the effect of prohibiting this long standing and approved practice.

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Entry Statement

Better news on this project in that Gosford City Council have approved of the entry statement and your committee is busy endeavoring to obtain quoted for the work so that we know how much we need to raise.

Guest speaker - Councillor Peter Hale

The committee has arranged Councillor Peter Hale to address the meeting which, I am sure, will be of interest to members. Peter Hale is a newly elected Councillor with Gosford City Council also General Manager of the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club which by the time of the meeting will have opened the doors of the new club premises. Come along and hear what Peter Hale has to say about council and his club.

Hoping to meet with a good gathering of residents socially at this meeting

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Ron Spratt OAM

President

December general meeting is followed by supper and drinks of Christmas good cheer, a small plate of easy eats would be appreciated.

Waterways & Water Police

Residents and visitors are reminded that the speed limit in the canals is 4 kph and all canals are no wash zones.

Boating wash creates sand erosion of the foreshore which in turn undermines the retaining walls and boat ramps.

Waterways and water police will have an increased presence in Brisbane Waters targeting dangerous boat drivers and those unlicensed, the fines are substantial.

Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

Saturday 11th December 2004

The Island residents have always been very generous in supporting this wonderful Christmas Appeal. As Christmas comes upon us so quickly there seems to be so many things to do as we rush around before the holiday season begins. So please watch out for Rob Hughes (Island Agent) and Shirley Moore (Salvation Army Officer) 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.

Rob Hughes

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St Huberts Day Family BBQ

The St Huberts Day Family BBQ was a resounding success this year. For once the weather was kind, and approximately 150 residents and friends attended.

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



Above: Some of our residents enjoying a good day. Right: President Ron Spratt presenting the Xmas hamper to this years winner. Below: Another happy group of residents & friends enjoying the day.



Above: Our cooks for the day.

Below: Last years winners of the shield conducting the quiz this year.



Personal Safety Checklist

Your answers to the following questions may help to remind you of some of the things **you can do** to improve your personal safety.

Home Security

- Are you able to lock or secure the windows in your home?
- Do you keep external doors and windows secured when you are home?
- Have you programmed emergency numbers into your phone?
- Do you keep your security screen locked when you answer the front door?
- Do you check and verify identification before admitting strangers to your home?
- Do you have a peep hole in your front door to identify callers?
- Do you have external sensor lights which are activated by movement?
- Are the front windows, doors and house number clearly visible from the front street?
- Is your front door of solid construction?
- Do you have shatter resistant glass on your windows?
- Do you have double cylinder dead latch style locks?
- Do you keep cash or valuables at home?

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Do not push 90# on your home phone

A person got a call from an individual identifying himself as an AT & T Service Technician who was conducting a test on his telephone lines. He stated to complete the test the person had to touch nine (9), zero (0), hash (#) and then hang up. Luckily, the person was suspicious and refused. Upon contacting the telephone company, the person was informed that by pushing 90# you give the requesting individual full access to your telephone line, which allows them to place long distance calls billed to your home phone number. **DO NOT PRESS 90# FOR ANYONE**

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The six robberies reported in the September Island News were all from cars. Keep them locked at all time.

In September there were five house break and enters in Beachfront Pde., Helmsman Bvde. (2), Mainsail Ave. and Nautilus Cres.,

WATCH OUT A young girl with short punk hair, known to Woy Woy Police, has been door knocking dimly lit houses at night. If the owner answers, the girl says she is looking for a lost dog or advising of a noisy party. If nobody answers, an accomplice robs the house. The girl was seen entering a light coloured Nissan Patrol rego. no SLW 636. Police cannot trace the car since these plates were issued to a Holden Commadore in Inverell, which car no longer exists.

If the car is sighted, ring Woy Woy Police 4341 9122 and state it is the vehicle suspected of involvement in a number of incidents reported in Martin Wellington's letter 24th September 2004.

STOP PRESS

Woy Woy Police advise that the girl who has been door knocking is wanted on 6 warrants and is believed to have moved to the Southern Highlands.

SOCIAL NEWS

At the BBQ a dine out for the 24th November was arranged and forty one residents shared a pre Christmas dinner at CJ's Woy Woy restaurant. An excellent meal had by all washed down with Christmas cheer. The community fellowship was most enjoyable much laughter and enjoyment.

Cj's provided an excellent selection of food, decorations and service. (Sorry no photos, forgot the camera.



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