



# The Island News

ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

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

PO BOX 247, ETTALONG BEACH 2257

JUNE 2004

**The next General Meeting is 10th June, 2004, at 7.30pm in the Peridon Village Hall on Empire Bay Drive, Daleys Point.**

## **Council 'Stuffs Up' Again on The Canals**

Whilst sitting down to write this report I received a phone call from Bruce Ronan from Gosford Council's Environment Department to tell me the 'Public Meeting' held March 17 2004 was not held in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act in that there had not been the required notice of the public meeting given to the residents.

That public meeting is now null and void and from the conversation with Bruce Ronan it is to be rescheduled for July 1 2004. A further four months delay, no wonder we all get pessimistic when we think the council is about to resolve this matter which has now been nearing 10 years.

## **Restrictive Covenant in Lieu of Caveat for pontoons in Canals.**

***All residents with canalfront properties should have a vested interest in this vital matter and should attend the meeting to enable their point of view to be expressed.***

There is though some light at the end of the tunnel in respect to the requirement of Development Control Plan 145 relating to Moorings on St Huberts Island in that I have received a proposal from Gosford City Councils Legal officer which puts forward the proposition of a "Restrictive Covenant" in lieu of the "Caveat" which has been of extreme concern to myself and the committee over recent years. **This letter is to be tabled at the general Meeting in June and the matter will be open for discussion.**

Ron Spratt OAM - President

May 19 2004



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## ISLAND ENVIRONMENTAL DANGER



Some sections of the Island are being terrorised by the "creeping menace" the INDIAN MYNA BIRD.

This bird is a threat to our native birds and a potential risk to public health.

The Indian Myna bird is an introduced species that has invaded the Eastern seaboard forming colonies in urban areas to the detriment of our native fauna.

Mr Peter Blythe of the Central Coast Indian Myna Action Group will address our General Meeting at Peridon Hall on Thursday, 10th June.

## DON'T FEED THE DUCKS

Wild life officers advise that we should not feed bread etc. to the ducks. Bread is not a natural food. It ferments in the ducks digestive system and bacteria is formed. Feeding brings the ducks around the home and into pools raising the risk of ear, nose and throat infections. Also a possibility of skin infections from bare foot children and adults walking into the droppings. Ducks need to forage naturally and should not be encouraged by feeding.

Waste bread will also encourage the Myna birds.

## ATTENTION ALL DOG OWNERS

Dog owners are asked to ensure they take care of their pets outside their properties. In recent months several dangerous events have occurred :-

- (1) A lady doing a morning walk was bitten in a frightening attack.
- (2) Two incidents of walkers being harassed by wandering dogs.
- (3) Two small dogs were savaged and killed by two large dogs.

The dog rangers are active in regard to straying dogs and severe penalties are applied to the owners of wandering dogs. Congratulations to those owners who clean up when walking their pets.

## CONGRATULATIONS WELL DONE

St Huberts resident Gail Steel has won The Nationwide Ceramics Contest at this years Sydney Royal Easter Show.

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## The Biggest Morning Tea

The Biggest Morning Tea was hosted by Bob and Heather Fahey at their home on 2nd May 2004. A great morning was had by approximately 100 residents who raised over \$550.00 for Cancer Research.

A special thankyou to all the volunteers and the many residents who donated delicious cakes, scones, biscuits and sandwiches. First prize in the raffle was won by Carol Exton.



## Our Morning Tea Pictorial





## **+ RED CROSS**

Red Cross calling was carried out on St Huberts Island during the week preceding, but mainly on Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th March.

A Total of \$1368.00 was collected which is all used in the Gosford Red Cross area, thank you to those that helped conduct the door knock – Margaret Finney, Di Tweed, Caroline Smith, Ron & Fay Spratt, Bob Fahey, Garry Grant, Ron Sinclair, Doug Swinburn.

### ***St Huberts Island History Book.***

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 10th June 2004..

### **Proposed Entry Statement**

On a brighter note though I have received verbal advise that Gosford Council will consent to the proposed Entry Statement, I hope by the date of the meeting this will be confirmed in writing

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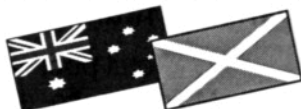
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