



# 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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## "New Committee Members Wanted"



We are urgently calling for new members to represent our Island community. Our Annual General Meeting next week will again provide the opportunity for interested residents to stand for election to the Committee. If you should know of anybody who would like to be nominated for any committee position, complete the form in this newsletter and either bring it to the meeting or place it in our secretary's letterbox at 30 Helmsman Boulevard before 13th March.

### Annual General Meeting

We invite all residents to attend our AGM in Peridon Village Hall, Empire Bay Drive on **Thursday, 13th March at 7.30pm** when we shall be discussing various issues including a report by the President on the recent CLP subcommittee meetings concerning the movement of sand on our foreshores. The new committee will also be elected at the meeting so be sure to let us know if you would like to stand for office. A plate of food for the small supper around 9pm would be appreciated. If you would like a lift to the meeting please contact Bob on 4342 1061.

### Oh what a show!

Many thanks to John and Joan Holmes of 3 Salacia Close for their tremendous effort in giving us such a wonderful festive treat here on St Huberts. Not only did we get a fabulous light display but the intricate working models were fantastic - the model ski village, the life size Mr and Mrs Claus partying round the tree, Santa's cave and workshop and even Santa parachuting down the chimney of the family carol singing in their forest retreat. The pleasure on the faces in particular of the young, the elderly and the sick was a joy to behold. John and Joan certainly brought the spirit of Christmas not just into our lives but into the lives of many others through the works of the Salvation Army which benefited from a collection of \$2000 for which John and Joan would like to thank you.

## **Salvation Army Christmas Appeal**

Rob Hughes (alias Santa) would like to thank all his helpers and the generous residents who helped to make his Island collection such a success. In addition to the terrific toys, gifts and groceries which were donated, Rob was delighted to hand the Sallies a record-breaking cheque for \$1233.

## **Clean Up Australia Day**

Sunday 2nd March once again saw the Association coordinating activities on the Island. Many thanks to the 14 volunteers who collected seven big bags of assorted rubbish from the Island environs and areas of Daleys Point close to our bridge.

## **St Huberts Island Dine-Out**

Past dine-out evenings have been most enjoyable. On these occasions new friends have been made with fellow islanders which adds to the good fellowship amongst Island residents.

Our first 2003 dine-out is Wednesday 7th May at the Iguana Joe's waterfront restaurant. For \$35 per head there will be a choice of main course with bread roll, a selection of desserts plus tea or coffee. Iguana Joe's will also provide a comfortable return bus trip from the Island. The restaurant is licensed and not BYO. Please contact Bob on 4342 1061, Joan on 4342 1403 or Ken on 4342 3156 to register your interest in joining us for the evening. An indication of those wishing to avail themselves of the courtesy transport would be helpful.

## **Fishing Trip**

Island resident John Lamb, proprietor of Broken Bay Blue Water Charters, has offered a special mid-week "Deep Sea Fishing Trip" on a modern fully equipped boat with experienced crew. Bait, gear and morning tea will be provided and should bad weather cancel the trip we will not lose our fee. We need a 10 member party, so please contact Bob Fahey on 4342 1061 if you are interested.

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**NOMINATIONS FOR THE ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER AND FOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**

Person(s) Proposed
Position(s) Proposed
Signature of Nominee
Signature of Nominator
Signature of Seconder

NB All nominees and nominators must be paid-up members of the Association.

## President's Report 2002/2003

It has again been an honour to be the President of the St Huberts Island Residents Association.

The committee have worked tirelessly during the year for the betterment of the environment for the residents of St Huberts Island. They are always active and diligent in seeking out projects to improve the island and to assist members wherever possible.

Bureaucratic bangles seem to have continued throughout the year in Gosford City Council with the matter of boating in the canals still in need of further protracted regulatory activities necessary to finalise the matter. Several residents and a contractor were threatened with prosecution after continuing to protect their seawalls. A subcommittee of the council's Coastal Management, Lagoon Management & Coastal Planning (CLP) Committee formed to "produce an information kit for residents of St Huberts Island regarding activities they can and can't do in the canal estate in relation to the moving of sand" seems doomed to fall into the bureaucratic wilderness whilst telling residents what they can't do rather than what they can do.

Special events of the year have been the 'St Huberts Day' Island Barbecue which was again well attended and special thanks must go to all of the helpers and The Professionals Ettalong Beach for their support. Clean Up Australia Day recently, saw a dedicated few do their bit for the Island. Several informal dinners organised by Secretary Bob Fahey were well attended.

Copies of the "St Huberts Island 1788-2000 an Historical Account" are still available for those who have not already obtained their copy or for those requiring additional copies.

The association is heavily indebted to Ken Lummis the Hon Treasurer who not only keeps a close eye on the funds but is always there with a helping hand.

The newsletter continues to be an important means of communication with the residents of the Island and the Honorary Editor Joan Barnes excels with the information distributed. In respect to the Newsletter it must be acknowledged the local businesses who support your committee be it by advertisement in the newsletter or by financial support to the special events of the year and the committee would find it difficult to operate without their support.

During the year Bob and Heather Fahey were elected "Life Member" in recognition of their extreme efforts over years of dedication to the Association.

Ron Spratt OAM  
President.  
March 1 2003

## Thought for the Quarter

If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in bed with a mosquito.

**Editorial note:** If you have items of news or information which might be of interest to other residents, please contact Joan on 4342 1403 or Bob on 4342 1061. Adverts may be placed for just \$25. Copy deadline for the June issue is 30th May.

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