



The Island News

ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

'The Central Coast's Island In the Sun'

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READ ALL ABOUT IT!

See centre spread on important information concerning our waterfront property residents.

Quarterly General Meeting

Be sure to come along and listen to Jim Lloyd M.P., our guest speaker at the next general meeting in Peridon Village Hall, on **Thursday, 12th September at 7.30pm**. We would also urge waterfront property owners to attend as The President will report on the present position on the legal implications arising from the moving up of sand to protect the sea walls. There will be a small supper around 9pm. If you would like a lift to the meeting please contact Bob on 4342 1061.

- At the last general meeting, resident Frank Russell was the lucky winner of the raffle for artist Jim Huntington's painting of a local scene. Thanks again, Jim!

Residents' Association Membership

Welcome to all those new members of the Association and many thanks to existing members who paid their 2002/2003 fees so promptly. Anyone who may have mislaid their renewal notice will soon be sent a membership fee reminder.

St Hubert's Day Family Barbecue

Make a date in your diary to join your fellow Islanders for a free sausage sizzle on **Sunday, 3rd November from 11.30am at Long Arm Reserve**. There will be a raffle for a large Christmas hamper (tickets available at the September general meeting and also at the barbecue). The traditional Island Quiz will give you the chance of having your name on the back of the coveted St Huberts Island plaque. Professionals Real Estate are once again supplying the awning and sausages.

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Island resident and sponsor of the St Hubert's Day Family Barbecue

Boating in the Canals - Pontoons

The more we delve into the matter of the canals the more Gosford City Council seem to get confused.

As most of the residents are aware the committee and I have been endeavouring to resolve the stalemate which has occurred in respect to the use of the canals for boat moorings and activities including the matter of shared pontoons and the provision of a caveat on the title of properties seeking approval to install a pontoon.

Council officers have verbally advised me of certain anomalies in respect to previous resolutions in this matter but there has been no written response other than a letter dated 11th June, 2002 which states in respect to the caveat:-

"The terms of the licence to occupy the council land is that they must maintain an insurance policy and indemnify the council against possible claims. Council must ensure that the security for the indemnity is adequate, and requires that the dwelling associated with the license is the security."

Council requires the indemnity should the owner not renew the insurance policy or the insurer refuses to grant an indemnity."

This in my view means that should there be an insurance claim in respect to a pontoon then the council may well choose to exercise its rights in respect to the caveat and use the dwelling as a means to defend the claim made against the council - residents should seek legal advice.

Neighbourhood Watch

Unfortunately there has been some vandalism and a couple of break-ins on the Island. Do be alert and remember to keep your front and back doors locked. Report suspicious behaviour to the Police Action Line (PAL) on 131444 and contact Gosford Police on 4323 5501 for crime in progress. Also, please let us know if you would represent the Island for an hour at the 9am Saturday bi-monthly meetings at Gosford Police Station where the new Neighbourhood Watch coordinator is Constable Donna Waite.

- *If you have given a temporary home to a sentimental brown garden statue of a seated 1920's lady holding a bird bath taken from Marina View and last seen abandoned at Beachfront in June, please contact Joan on 4342 1403.*

St Huberts Island Survey

The Committee would appreciate total cooperation in completing a suggested questionnaire to establish guidelines on residents' needs and general opinion on the future direction and betterment of St Huberts Island and its environments. If you would like input on any questions that could be posed, please contact Ron Spratt on 4343 1540.

Operation Christmas Child

Details on this year's promotion can be obtained from Jim or Elaine Doust on 4342 1234.

Important Message From The President

The continuing saga of the canals of St Huberts Island

***Hopefully there will be more
to report at the General
Meeting at Peridon Village
Hall on 12th September.***

Ron Spratt OAM
President

STOP PRESS

SAND RECLAMATION NOT ON!

Following the President's address to Council it was decided to set up a sub-committee to consider this issue.

***Residents should desist from any
sand reclamation in the canals***

Sand Reclamation

Not only do we have boating problems but the long standing practice of canal front residents reclaiming sand from the beaches to protect the sea-walls has now been put into dispute.

Council officers have carried out investigation into the reclamation in Sandy Inlet and Shelter Cove in recent months and really "put the cat amongst the pigeons" by their unwarranted harassment and intimidation of residents during their collecting of what appears to be evidence for the intended prosecution of the contractor and/or residents.

A meeting of affected residents was held and resolutions made including:-

"a strongly worded letter to Council directing that the harassment of residents to cease; Council officers provide some adequate form of identification; Council officers provide 'reasonable grounds' for the information sought; Council cease any legal action pending in the matter."

The letter was forwarded and a deputation to The Mayor Robert Bell arranged for 28th August. This deputation had to be called off due to the illness of The Mayor on the day. From a discussion with council's General Manager it is believed a report on the matter will be considered by Gosford City Council on Tuesday 3rd September, 2002.

Please Slow Down

Now the duck breeding season is with us we do ask drivers to take extra care on our roads and slow down as swerving to avoid the ducks and ducklings may cause a collision with other vehicles or people walking.

Islanders' Dine Out

Some 60 residents enjoyed another great evening together in July at a mid week dine-out at Koolewong's Boathouse restaurant. A likely mid November date will be confirmed in due course to those who phone Joan on 4342 1403 or Bob on 4342 1061 to indicate their interest in a mid week 2 hour cruise of the Brisbane Water on the Lady Kendall followed by lunch at the Boathouse for \$35 per person.

Thought for the Quarter

Don't cry because it is over. Smile because it happened.

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 December issue is 30th November. Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Editor or the Committee.



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