



The Island News

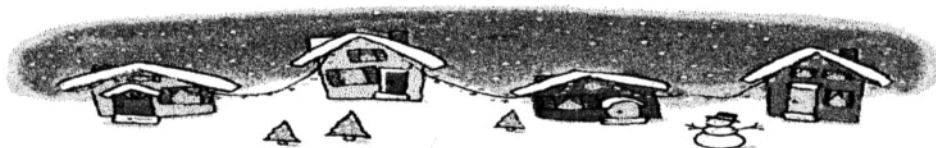
ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

'The Central Coast's Island in the Sun'

PO BOX 247, ET TALONG BEACH 2257

DECEMBER 2001

The Committee wish all residents



"A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"

THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS

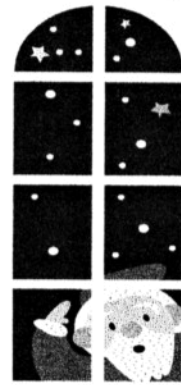
Prime Minister John Howard said "the celebration of 100 years of nationhood is a key national event for all Australians. It is a unique opportunity to take stock of our record as a nation and refresh our sense of purpose for the next century. We should recognise the successes, including the resilience of our democratic institutions, the growth of stable and prosperous communities and the great achievements by Australians in all fields of endeavour." So looking back at some of those events and issues this centennial year had in store for us, we see that it was the year of the war on Terrorism, the stand on illegal immigrants, the collapse of HIH, OneTel, Ansett and Traveland, the Census, Federal and Council elections, the demise of Australia's most wanted Christopher Skase and the least wanted Northern Eagles, a three-bin system for the war on waste and perhaps before this centenary year of Federation draws to a close, we might also wonder why Council saw fit to pass Patonga's Federal Rotunda and not that of St Huberts!

Island Memorabilia



Still looking for gifts for Xmas? Demand has been so great that we have ordered more wine glasses emblazoned with the Island crest and selling at \$5 each or six for \$27. The beautifully illustrated and extremely informative Island History 1788 - 2000 is proving to be a very popular gift for friends and relatives of residents - see inside for special offer! Available at the Christmas general meeting or by ringing 4342 1403 or 4342 1061.

Christmas Quarterly General Meeting



We are hoping you will come along to our next general meeting which will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, 13th December at Peridon Hall, Empire Bay Drive. Our guest speaker will be our new Mayor Robert Bell, who will be talking on the future development of the Council and on various issues concerning the Island. There will also be an opportunity to purchase two Island History books for the price of only one, Island wine glasses and photographs taken at the St Hubert's Day BBQ by Island photographer, Tracey Rodrick. The meeting will conclude with a small informal supper and a glass of cheer to celebrate the festive season ahead. A plate of food would be appreciated. If you would like a lift to the meeting please contact Bob on 4342 1061.

At the September meeting, the president opened the forum by reporting on a discussion with Ian Rhodes (from Gosford City Council) relating to the upgrading of the entrance to St Huberts Island and the possibility of a welcoming brick type of entrance area with associated gardens. Such a project would need to be financed either by association funds or from grant moneys as available. Several other ideas were considered for Island improvements including new street signs designed with the Island emblem, seating on our reserves and an open-sided bus shelter. Regarding the upgrading of the waterfront lands in Beachfront, it was felt that the area should be kept natural to preserve the habitat for rare bird species. It was also agreed that we should make a stand against any risk of vandalism.

Traffic Management and Signage

Although some signage has been installed in Daleys Avenue, we still await directional signs to the Island. Also, with the colourful traffic calming strip at the bottom of the bridge, we hope all drivers and motorcycle riders will now take heed of the 50kph speed limit on the Island.

Hooliganism on the Island Bridge

Gosford Council is considering elevating the bridge railing to prevent people from jumping off the bridge and from throwing things at passing boats and commercial vessels. There will also be an increase in surveillance by rangers and police.

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Salvation Army Christmas Appeal



Starting at 9am on Saturday 15th December, Santa (Robert Hughes of Ray White Real Estate) will be touring the Island with his little helpers and an officer from the Salvation Army. They will be collecting non-perishable groceries, toys or items suitable as Christmas gifts for those in need and donations for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal - so listen for the bell! If you prefer, you may also leave your donations at the Ray White office at 63 Helmsman Boulevard. Let's help others less fortunate than ourselves have a wonderful Christmas.

Christmas Carols

You are reminded that this year the Island will not be hosting the Carol Concert at Attunga Park. Instead we hope to see you at the Peninsula Carols and Fireworks at Woy Woy Oval on December 15th. There will be lots of family entertainment with rides for the kids and food stalls from 4.30pm as well as a variety of stage acts when the concert begins at 6pm. Entry will be by gold coin donation with the proceeds going to local charities.

Operation Christmas Child Appeal

Jim Doust of the St Huberts Island Christian Fellowship would like to thank those residents who so kindly donated items to the Operation Christmas Child promotion on the Island. Twenty five shoeboxes of gifts from Islanders are now on their way to needy people in Indonesia.

Islanders' Dine Out

"The Boathouse" at Koolewong was the spectacular venue for the Island residents and friends November "Dine Out". An excellent varied menu at \$30 per head BYO was provided for the 56 happy and friendly folk who turned up for the lively and enjoyable evening. Even Santa Bob and Tinkerbelle Ken paid us a visit leaving a gift of chocolates for a lucky diner at each of the seven tables! Thanks go to Bob Fahey for organizing such a successful evening. If you would like to receive details of any future Island "dine outs" just leave your name with Bob on 4342 1061.



"THE BOATHOUSE"

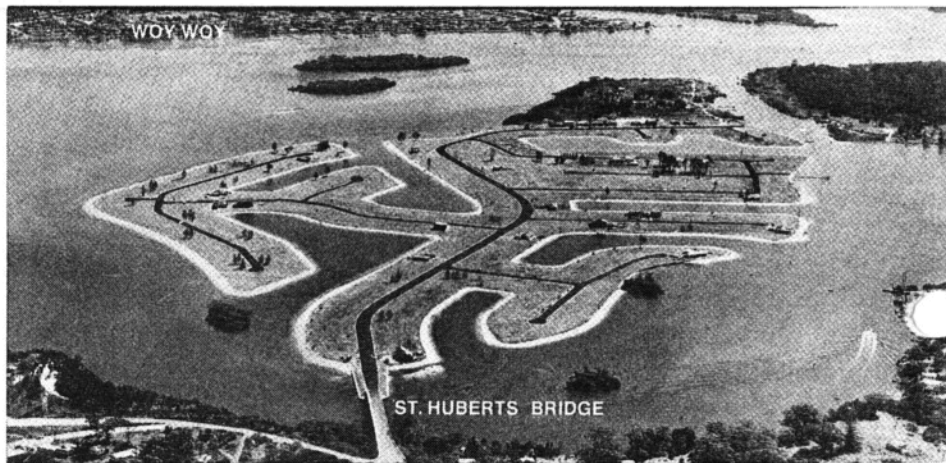
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Bridge Anniversary



Picture extracted from the postcard "St. Huberts Island - a great place to live."

November 19th saw the 30th anniversary of the official opening of the Island bridge. You will see from the picture how things have changed! Thanks to the Bentley and Waterfield families for supplying the prints from their fascinating collections.

St Huberts Day BBQ - sponsored by Professionals Thorpe's Real Estate

Some 100 residents and friends gathered on the historic Long Arm Reserve to enjoy a free sausage sizzle provided by The Professionals and cooked to perfection by Helmsman Boulevard's resident cooks Nev and Doug. David and Moira Bartholomeusz of Mercator won the raffle for the huge Christmas Hamper with Shelley Mackay of Helmsman Boulevard winning the second prize of a family portrait and enlargement which was kindly supplied by Tracey's Photography (4342 6121). The third prize of champagne glasses and bubbly went to Sue and Doug Mason also of Helmsman Boulevard and the fourth prize of champagne went to Bob Oliver, manager of The Professionals. The coveted Island Plaque was won by two year resident Lisa Gray of Mainsail Avenue who outwitted other longstanding residents with her amazing store of knowledge concerning the Island. As always, a very merry time was had by all. Thank you to all those who helped to make it such a perfect day!

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

Neighbourhood Watch - item supplied by our NW representative, Norm Walsh

If you'll be away for more than just a few days follow this check list:-

- Ensure that everything is secured.
- Notify your local police of where you can be contacted.
- Stop deliveries.
- Turn down the phone volume.
- Have trusted friends or neighbours clear your mailbox.
- Have a neighbour or a friend park a car in your driveway.
- Arrange for someone to cut your lawn and keep your property tidy.
- Ask a relative or friend to check your home periodically and advise them where you can be contacted.



Pay essential services bills in advance: electricity, gas, water, telephone so that your supply continues while you are away.

IF YOU ARE ROBBED...Call local police immediately on 4341 9122. Don't touch anything. Let police see your home exactly as the thief left it.

While you are waiting for the police to arrive, compile a list of what you think is missing. Include brand names, model numbers, serial numbers, accurate descriptions and any engraving details.

Duck Feeding

Parks and Wildlife request that ducks should not be fed bread as it is neither good for the ducks nor the community. Any uneaten bread ferments and then when eaten later by the ducks can harm them and also contaminate any pools they may get into.


Mooring Facilities in the Canals

We have requested that no development consent be required for those existing boat ramps which are maintained in good order, nor any caveat be necessary for pontoons.

Ettalong Beach to Circular Quay Fast Ferry

"This year, next year, sometime, never. This year, next year . . ." - in fact by June before the F3 widening works begin, subject to project funding and also government finance for the vessel and the working capital. We are patient - we shall wait and see!

Thought for the Quarter

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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 March issue is 27 February.
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