



The Island News

ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

'The Central Coast's Island in the Sun'

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Annual General Meeting

We invite all residents (association members or not) to attend our next meeting on Thursday, 8th March at 7.30pm in Peridon Hall, Daleys Point Retirement Village. We shall be discussing the recent Urban Design Framework workshop for St Huberts and we should also like to hear your suggestions on ways we can beautify the Island with funds raised from Association activities. It is also time to elect a new committee. Present members will vacate their positions and some are no longer able to continue their candidacy. If you know of anybody who would be happy to be nominated for any committee position, then please complete the nomination form in this newsletter (with or without a nominator or seconder). You may either leave the form in the secretary's letterbox at 30 Helmsman Boulevard or bring it to the meeting. A plate of food for the supper at 9.30pm would be appreciated.

- At our December meeting, Sgt Irene Juergens gave an informative talk on Home Security and police call out priorities. We also saw the launch of the Island History by Jim Moye who presented copies of the book to Irene and Geoff Potter of Gosford City Library. The evening culminated in a pleasant social gathering along with some Daleys Point residents who had earlier raised a motion regarding the fencing of the bridge for safety reasons.

Clean Up Australia Day - This Sunday 4th March

Forgive me for talking 'rubbish', but the Association are again co-ordinating activities for cleaning up the Island and its approaches. Please spare an hour or two and join us on Sunday from 9am at the bottom of the Island bridge. We suggest you bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes.



History Book

Don't be left out in the cold! Have a copy of the "Island History 1788 - 2000" on your bookshelf for you and your guests to dip into. Enjoy the old photos and early residents' anecdotes. The book has been immensely popular with amazing sales and the good news is that copies are still available at 30 Helmsman Bvd for only \$16. Once printing costs are recovered all profits will go towards further beautification of the Island so let us know any ideas you have on this. As a start we could liaise with Parks and Wildlife for beautification works on the bridge and Island entry with seating at appropriate points. By the way, it's good to see so many of the residents beautifying their fronts - well done Robert at Ray White Real Estate to name just one!

Urban Design Framework

Just recently Council and its consultant, Brett Newbold Urban Planning, held a community workshop for St Huberts Island residents. Opinions and suggestions expressed at the meeting about the character and appearance of our suburb will be used over the next few years to ensure that any future development further enhances our unique island.

Be Green, Be Clean

We realise that the inappropriate trees Council planted here on the Island make it difficult to keep the gutters clear of leaves but there can be no excuse for the plastic, paper, grass clippings and detergents from car washing that clog the storm water drains and hence pollute the canals and waterways. Be sure to remember the hefty fines for dropping litter.

New Bin System

A three-bin waste collection service is due soon. Council will provide a new 120 litre half-size bin for weekly household rubbish with an option for residents to upgrade to a 240 litre bin for an extra \$40 a year. Existing bins will be used for fortnightly collections of recyclable material and garden organics. There will now be three free unlimited volume bulk pick ups a year. Phone 4324 6133 to arrange these.

Island Maintenance

The committee have submitted a list of items for the Maintenance Schedule including the cleaning up of the Beachfront and Weatherly waterfronts, painting of the island bridge, the back fill of sea walls at reserves where applicable and the cleaning of storm water outlets on the beachfronts. Items such as blocked drains should be dealt with by contacting Mr Peter Rugluss of Woy Woy depot direct on 4325 8300.

Your Association in Action!

Various issues have been raised with Council recently including a request that outstanding kerb and guttering be completed. A further request to Council has resulted in a regular street sweeping programme being restored on the Island. The Association has also had input on issues of interest to Island residents in the external KPMG management and structural audit of Gosford Council. Aimed at ensuring quality customer service and efficient management, the report is due to go before Council this month.

Neighbourhood Watch - Did you know?

The inside temperature of a vehicle rises 75% within 5 minutes of leaving it locked up. (i.e. on a 36 degree day the inside temperature of a locked car will be 55 degrees centigrade within 5 minutes). Dark coloured cars reach slightly higher temperatures than light coloured cars. The greater amount of window area in a car means more heat. There is no difference in the time it takes for a large car to heat up over a smaller vehicle. Having a window wound down about 5 cm will only cause a slight drop in temperature. **So please don't ever leave *any* living thing in a closed car!**

Putt Putt Regatta - Sunday, 11th March

Watch out for this annual nostalgic spectacle and fun event on Brisbane Water. The boats will sail in fleet formation from Davistown at 10.30am via Woy Woy, Orange Grove, Daleys Point, St Huberts and then back to Davistown for around noon.

Fishing Licences

The 23rd March sees the implementation of the new general recreational fishing fee which is: \$5 three-days, \$10 one-month, \$25 annual or \$70 three-years. Exemptions do apply for pensioners, those under 18 and their adult supervisors. The fees will go towards improving recreational fishing for NSW anglers and, along with other new State laws, are expected to benefit tourism and protect fish habitats. You may nominate a spot for consideration as a potential fishing area by phoning 1300 550474 by 7th March.

WIRES

Many residents were upset at the recent massacre of ducks found at the bottom of the bridge, but whether this was perhaps done by mynah birds remains a mystery! Please contact WIRES on 4323 2326 if you find any injured wildlife.

Ettalong Beach Club and Fast Ferry

April should see the commencement at last of a \$23million extension to the Club premises. The hotel venture is still awaiting finance as is the Fast Ferry.

2001 International Year of Volunteers

Time on your hands? Whether it be an odd day here and there or a regular commitment of a few hours each week, your help is needed in a variety of situations. Phone Volunteering NSW 1300 301 018 for ideas and opportunities in this area.

Coming Events

AGM - 7.30pm Thursday, 8th March at Peridon Hall.

- We are hoping to see some new faces on the next Committee. The AGM next week will provide the opportunity for you to represent your community, so do let us know if you would like to run for office.

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.



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