



The Island News

ST HUBERT'S ISLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

"The Central Coast's Island In the Sun"

PO BOX 247, ETTALONG BEACH 2257

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

Thanks to the vigilance of an Island resident who alerted police to suspicious happenings at 2 am one morning in late January, a number of stolen items were recovered for their owners and the culprit is now doing time. This was one of several reported incidents over the last few months which has been one of the worst periods we have had for some years, even though our crime rate remains light compared with other local areas. Please help the police by reporting incidents on 131444 or for serious life threatening situations and crimes in progress ring 000.

Meter Locks

For extra security, Energy Australia advise the fitting of locks to your meter boxes. These may be obtained for \$30 from Central Coast Locksmiths at 96, Donnison St. Gosford. Contact me by mid March on 4342 1403 for a 10% discount on this price.

Clean Up Australia Day - Sunday 5th March, 2000



The Association are again co-ordinating activities on the Island. Please spare an hour or two and join us at 9 am at the bottom of the Island bridge. We suggest you bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes.

Illegal Dumping Campaign

In an attempt to end the illegal dumping of green waste on the Central Coast, rangers have increased their surveillance and can issue on-the-spot fines of \$750 to offenders. The Waste Board may be contacted on 4323 4343.

Island Maintenance

The committee have submitted a list of items requiring attention including the Beachfront and Weatherly waterfronts, and outstanding kerb and guttering works. Items such as blocked drains should be dealt with by contacting Mr Peter Rugluss of Woy Woy depot direct on 4325 8300. If all residents continue to keep their block aspects tidy and avoid hosing leaves into the gutter and drains, we can be justifiably proud of our little piece of paradise here on the Island.

Annual General Meeting

We invite all residents (association members or not) to attend our next meeting on Thursday, 9th March at 7.30 pm in Peridon Hall, Daley's Point Retirement Village. We shall be discussing several issues which affect our island and its residents. 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 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 9.30 would be appreciated.

General Meetings

There has been a certain amount of apathy in the community regarding attendance at our general meetings. We should be very interested in knowing what you would like to hear about at our quarterly meetings, the format you would like to see and thoughts on the frequency you feel the meetings ought be held. Please contact us with your ideas prior to the above meeting so we may discuss the issue and formulate a plan for future meetings.

Roundabout

It is hoped that Council will give the go ahead for works to proceed when they assess the report on the only tender received at their 28th March meeting.

Traffic Management

We understand that the implementation of 50 kph and signing plans will be carried out in conjunction with the completion of the top roundabout. You are also reminded that certain restrictions apply to car maintenance and parking on our roads.

Incident Reporting

Youths who put car and boat occupants as well as themselves in danger by jumping from bridges, even though it is prohibited, may be reported to the Police Action Line on 131444. A serious accident requiring hospital treatment has already occurred.

Federal Rotunda

A Development Application has been submitted to Council following community consultation and discussions with relevant Authorities regarding concerns raised. Taking these into account, the final modified design is an open structure together with landscaping, fixed tables and associated seating. We do not anticipate the rotunda will attract the attention of undesirable elements and the police have indicated they would co-operate to deter such activities. We are now awaiting Council's decision and if approval is given to proceed, it is anticipated that the area will greatly enhance Longarm Reserve, providing both an attractive focus for our Association to hold its annual outdoor functions and a pleasant place for residents to relax and enjoy the Island atmosphere.

Our Island Lovers



Congratulations and accolades to three of our residents here on St Hubert's. Ron Spratt was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Australia Day 2000 Honours List, artist Pat de Carle took the award in the Cultural category of the Gosford City Australia Day Community Awards and Ken Bingham has been selected as an official Olympic Torchbearer. Well done folks, your fellow residents are proud of you.

S.H.I.T. Club

Be sure to give the St Hubert's Island Triathlon Club competitors your encouragement again this year on 19th March if you should see them battling it out for their prestigious Club trophy in their annual triathlon on the Island. Anyone interested in joining the Club should ring Ray on 4342 2999.

Fishing Licence Proposal

The community has until 28th March to comment on the planned introduction of a general recreational fishing licence in NSW. A copy of 'Sustaining our Waterways' which outlines the proposal, may be obtained by calling 1800 633 432.

Help!

Liz and Arthur on 4342 8359 would like to hear from anyone with suggestions on the source of the continuous low humming sound they have heard locally since last June.

Carols in the Park

It was a beautiful, warm evening back in December, when some 150 people turned out for an informal carol sing-along in Attunga Park. Adding to the fun of the night, around 25 enthusiastic youngsters formed an Island Kids Choir and entertained the rest of us with several Christmas songs sung with great gusto. At times, we were treated to some interesting alternative words to those traditional ones remembered by most of us from our younger days. The evening culminated with a rendering of "Happy Birthday" sung to one of our delighted young Attunga Close residents, Eleanor Pendleton, who celebrated her 11th birthday that day.

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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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. Copy deadline for the June issue is 31st May.

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