



St Hubert's Island Residents' Association Inc

The Central Coast's Island in the Sun

NEWSLETTER - MEETING NOTICE

MARCH 1997

NEXT MEETING

Will commence at 7.30 pm at Peridon Hall on Thursday 13/3/97. This meeting will include a General Meeting and the Annual General Meeting when the present members of the committee step down from office and nominations will be taken for a new committee. So please come along and if possible, volunteer your time and expertise to the running of this organisation. It is interesting and a lot can be achieved as witnessed from events of last year.

Updates from Canal Committee etc. and Island affairs will be discussed, and the committee have scheduled both meetings to end in time for long-standing resident and historian (Mrs) Rae Bentley, to give a talk on the history of the Residents' Association. As usual, please bring a plate, if you can. Refreshments will be provided.

CAR POOL FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The Committee have offered to arrange transport to and from Peridon Hall for those residents without transport etc. Please contact your nearest Committee representative or phone the Executive Committee Members on the numbers at the end of this newsletter.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

If you would like to join the association, please contact Mr. Bob Fahey, our Secretary. He would be happy to apprise you of the benefits of membership. It costs only five dollars!

CANAL MANAGEMENT PLAN TASK GROUP

A concise progress report will be tendered. We thought you might like to know a little about the formation of this group.

Background: Gosford Council called for applications for Committee membership - they selected 5 people including Ron Spratt (Mainsail) Carolynne Mucharsky (Salacia), Frank Parsons (Long Arm) and Kevin Tierney (Heron) in addition to two representatives from

this Association, i.e. President Don Munro and Secretary Bob Fahey. The Canal Committee was formed as an adjunct to the Brisbane Waters Management Task Group to ensure that St Huberts Island was looked at as a separate identity and to ensure that residents had a say in the management of their island. The Committee will ultimately make recommendations, based on your questionnaire responses, to Council who may accept, reject or amend such recommendations. A draft of these recommendations will be displayed for public scrutiny and other input, etc. and comments noted and digested. Having survived this process, the final draft will be adopted and will form a sub section of the Brisbane Water Plan of Management. Meanwhile, if there is any area of doubt, please refer to your nearest Committee representative.

This task is a huge one -with a formidable array of situations changing from canal to canal and opinions varying almost from person to person, but clarified by the recent questionnaire. The task calls for a large time involvement and clear thinking, and happily, all Committee members are very aware of the preservation of our quality of life and availability of waterways for our enjoyment.

TOWN PLANNING LEGISLATION/ ISLAND COVENANTS

Recent State Government legislation does not include local covenants. However, neighbours etc. may still take court action to enforce a covenant. It is believed that such action would be difficult to enforce and would involve high legal costs. However, this is a matter for individuals who should take independent legal advice.

ROUND-ABOUT- HELMSMAN BLVD/EMPIRE BAY DRIVE

Pleasing to see some action after all of these years of agitation. Surely the work will be completed within a reasonable time span now that the excavation work has been completed! Here's hoping!

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE

A great opportunity for Community- minded people to come forward and contribute. Due to circumstances some current members are unable to continue their candidacy - so we need you!

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The last meeting was so well attended it was moved from the Gosford Leagues Club to a larger venue at the Bowling Club. Two members of your committee attended. The good news is that there is nothing to report about crime on the island. Once again we appeal to residents to report suspicious activities/situations to the Woy Woy Police Station. In the near future, Woy Woy Police Station will make available an engraving machine for marking appliances, valuables etc.

with identifying codes/names etc. Contact your Secretary to organise the use of this equipment.

FAST FERRY SERVICE

We will distribute a questionnaire from the Alan Draper Group regarding the proposed large, fast ferry service. The purpose is to try to establish some indication of the degree of interest if loading facilities were established on the island, possibly at Solstice Place, for a feeder service to the main ferry base at Ettalong.

WOY WOY COMMUNITY NURSING HOME

Will hold their Annual Fete on Saturday, 15/3/97. Saleable goods, i.e. books, used clothing, small items, can be delivered to John and Lynda Lockwood, 55A Helmsman. Large items direct to Elsie Sellway, 12 Carpenter Street, Umina.

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