



**ST HUBERTS**

# The Island News

**ST HUBERT'S ISLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC**

*The Central Coast's Island in the Sun'*

**PO BOX 247, ETTALONG BEACH 2257**

**JUNE 1999**

## BRIDGE UNDERPINNING CONTINUES

**S**t Hubert's Island bridge was constructed around 1970 and recent investigations undertaken by McMillan Britton and Kell on behalf of Gosford City Council have identified that the four pile caps currently within the existing waterway require underpinning.

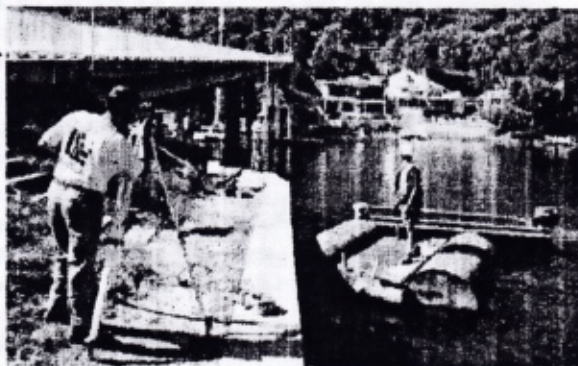
The underpinning design relies upon the installation of 4 x 600 diameter cast in-situ bored piles on the northern and southern sides of each existing pile cap (32 in total). Each pile is raked (1 Horizontal to 8 Vertical) and is on average 14-15m long. At the top of each pile group, a new cast in-situ pile cap will be constructed. The new pile cap will span between the new bored piles and encase the existing pile cap. Precast skirting units will then be attached to the sides of the new pile cap to hide the underside of the new pile cap at extreme high water.

As of 4th January, 1999, LFC Contracting Pty Ltd have been on site as contractor for the underpinning works. At this stage the contractor has completed the installation of all the casings for the cast in-situ bored piers and has now completed concreting 16 of the

32 piles. Scabbling of the existing pile caps is now complete as with installation of new steel reinforcement within the existing pier columns. Construction of the falsework for the new pile cap at Pier #4 is also complete.

The date for practical completion of the works is currently 22nd July, 1999.

- Boat traffic under the bridge has been restricted to small craft with shallow draft which can navigate the shallow water on the island side of the bridge.
- *We are grateful to David Beneke of McMillan Britton and Kell Pty for the above update on the Bridge Underpinning contract. Ed.*



*Above: Engineers survey the scene beneath the bridge*

## **A message from Stan Johnson our new president**

I have lived on the Island since 1980, where I enjoy a relaxed retirement with my wife Eleanor, playing golf, lawn bowls and paddling my ski around the local waters. I intend to work diligently with the committee in the hope we can both preserve and improve conditions on our wonderful island.

- We also welcome Ray Charlton and Don Turtle to the newly elected committee and thank all members for volunteering their time and effort. Sadly we have had to say farewell to our retiring president and newsletter editor, Carolynne Mucharsky. We thank her for her tireless contribution to the Association and we wish her well with her work and travel plans.

## **Next Quarterly General Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at Peridon Hall, Empire Bay Drive on **Thursday, 10th June**, commencing promptly at **730 pm** with our guest speaker Debra Wales, who will talk about the work of the Chamber of Commerce and the Ettalong Main Street improvements. The agenda will include traffic calming and St Hubert's Day 2000.

At the end of the end of the meeting there will be a small social gathering when new members may meet their neighbours and others can catch up with old friends. We welcome any contributions to the supper. Your nearest committee member will be pleased to assist with transport if required.

## **Membership Fees**

Membership fees for the Association are due on 1st July. A renewal notice will be sent to all financial members soon. Non-members will also receive an invitation to join the Association. It costs only \$5 (per family) per year, which offsets the costs of general administration, hall hire, newsletter production and various island activities. We are also given a platform to voice any grievances concerning the Island, so do please consider joining.

## **St Hubert's Day 14th November, 1999**

We should like to give more prominence to this day and would welcome any suggestions for a possible fete to be held in conjunction with the 'Sausage Sizzle'.

## **St Hubert's Island Draft Traffic Management Scheme**

Gosford City Council carried out a survey of the traffic movement on St Hubert's Island. The Council studied the 168 responses from nearly 600 questionnaires which were distributed to every island residence. The majority of residents travel below the permissible speed limit, however there are those who drive at excessive speeds, as shown by radar

statistics. The Draft Scheme gives a very diverse overview of the traffic movements. It makes recommendations to help slow traffic on Helmsman Boulevard and to make it safer for traffic turning out of and into Helmsman Boulevard. Copies of the plan are available for perusal and it will also be discussed at the Association's General Meeting on 10th June.

## **Christmas in July**

This year the Association is not arranging a Christmas in July luncheon. However, the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club is having a Christmas in July dinner in conjunction with the show "Tivoli by Night" on **Saturday, 3rd July at 6pm**. Tickets costing \$25 may be purchased direct from the Club. You would be most welcome to join the group of St Hubert's Island residents who will be attending. When booking, please mention that you wish to be seated with the group and also book your free courtesy coach pick up and drop off if required. Any committee member can be contacted to arrange for non-club members to be signed in.

## **Courtesy bus**

Ettalong Beach Memorial Club presently provide a courtesy bus every evening which will pick up residents at their door and return them at 10pm. Details on **4341 1166**.

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

Once again the Island had the lowest crime rate on the Central Coast with only two reports of stealing.

## **The Sydney 2000 Olympic Torch**

On Saturday, 19th June, at Gosford Police Station, Inspector Terry Tamplin will outline both the route and the conditions which will apply for selection as a Torchbearer. Ring Norm Walsh on 4342 3761 before 12th June for more information or if you would like to attend the meeting.

## **Island History Book and Rotunda**

We are awaiting responses from Council and Government to our grant requests.

. . . **Island Glasses**. A limited amount are still available at \$5 each or \$27.50 for a set of six.

## **Ettalong to Circular Quay Fast Ferry Service**

The DA Application has been approved on a deferred commencement basis. Tenders have been submitted by three internationally recognised ship builders and it is anticipated that the fast ferry will be functional in the second half of 2000.

## **Tradesmen wanted**

Do we have a plumber, electrician or glazier on the Island who would be available for 24 hour emergency service? If so, please contact your nearest committee member.

## **Share your expertise with fellow Islanders**

If you feel that you have some interest or talent which you would like to share, let us know and we will put you in touch with like minded Islanders (art, Internet, gardening etc.).

**Editorial note:** If you have suggestions for items of news or information which might be of interest to your fellow residents, please contact the editor on 4342 1403 or 4342 1061. Copy deadline for the September issue is 25th August.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the March Annual General Meeting, your newly elected officers were:

<b>President:</b>	Stan Johnson	15 Helmsman Blvd	4342 2732
<b>Vice President:</b>	Jim Moye	9 Nautilus Cres	4344 4343
<b>Secretary:</b>	Bob Fahey	30 Helmsman Blvd	4342 1061
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Ken Lummis	7 Discovery St	4342 3156
<b>Committee Members:</b>			
	Joan Barnes (Editor)	10 Marina View Prd	4342 1403
	George Maddox	83 Helmsman Blvd	4342 3401
	Norm Walsh	3 Skiff Place	4342 3761
	John Freeman	9 Marina View Prd	4343 1618
	Ray Charlton	29 Nautilus Cres	4342 4415
	Don Turtle	113 Helmsman Blvd	4341 0237

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