



The Island News

ST HUBERT'S ISLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

"The Central Coast's Island in the Sun"

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The Committee wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new millennium.



Carols in the Park

We hope you, your relatives and your friends will join us at 7.30pm on **Saturday, 11th December** for our annual Island Carol Concert. This year the Salvation Army Band, Choir and Line Dancers will again be entertaining us for an hour or so at Attunga Reserve. You will need to bring your own chair, a torch and refreshments if required. The Sallies would be most grateful for any donations on the night of non-perishable groceries or items suitable as Christmas gifts for those in need. Don't miss this opportunity to get yourself in the mood for our final Christmas this century!

Christmas General Meeting

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Peridon Hall, Empire Bay Drive on **Thursday, 9th December at 7.30pm**. Our guest speaker will be Margaret Paterson, the Central Coast Olympic Business Officer. Margaret will be talking about little known facts on the Olympics and their implications for the Central Coast. We will conclude the meeting by celebrating the Christmas season with a small informal supper and beverages. Please bring a plate of food if possible and be sure to avail yourself of the car pool should you require a lift to the meeting.

Bridge Repairs and Roundabouts

Although a few minor jobs around the bridge remain outstanding, we are assured that the contractors are committed to their completion in due course. The exciting news is that work on the much needed new roundabout is expected to commence early in 2000. With regard to the proposed roundabouts in Helmsman Boulevard, Council have put the plan on hold pending the implementation of a 50kph speed limit on the Island.

Waterways

Council have recommended the 'unzoning' of our canals to allow for their consent for pontoon construction. Existing owners must submit a development application according to strict guidelines if they wish to retain their pontoons. For more information contact Gosford Council on 4325 8222.

Fast Ferry

It is hoped to have a new chartered ferry running in the early part of the new year. Meantime, a new service from Ettalong to Palm Beach is now operating.

Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol

There are probably more boats per household on the Island than at any other residential area on the Central Coast. Your local RVCP base is situated at Point Clare, Gosford (radio call sign Coastal Patrol Gosford on channel 88 27 MHz). Apart from monitoring the emergency radio channels, the RVCP patrol the local waterways and will assist any vessel in and around the Brisbane Waters. It is a wise precaution to "log on" with the base prior to any boating trip, but remember to "log off" on your return. In addition the RVCP hold courses on radio, seamanship and navigation etc. at the base. Call 4325 7929 for details.

Neighbourhood Watch - A Polite Notice

Do be sure to keep your screen and garage doors locked even when you are in the house as there have been some recent cases of theft on the Island. A handbag and wallet were taken from a house in Helmsman Boulevard whilst the owner was in the garden and 5 fishing rods were stolen from a garage in Marina View Parade, again whilst the owner was at home. Some items have disappeared from boats as well. Please be wary and aware, by being watchful neighbours and reporting any suspicious looking characters to the local police in Woy Woy on 4341 9122.

Waste Management

Should you have any bulky items or garden prunings you wish to dispose of, remember that each household is entitled to four free bulk waste pick-ups per year. Simply phone 4324 6133 for information about the service and to arrange the day of pick up. Residents are also urged to place their recyclable items in the correct section of the recycling bin.

St Hubert's Feast Day

Around 30 people gathered at Daley's Restaurant on the 3rd November, to celebrate this significant occasion with a special 'Hunter's Menu'. The evening turned out to be both lively and enjoyable.

St Hubert's Island Family BBQ

Islanders along with their families and friends were blessed with the most glorious weather when they converged on the historic Long Arm Reserve to enjoy a free sausage sizzle provided by The Professionals and cooked to perfection by some Island 'reindeers'. Thank you to all those who kindly donated items to our stall. It proved to be a worthwhile addition to the proceedings as, along with the profit from the two raffles, \$350 was raised towards the Island History Book fund.

The winners of the raffles were Noel Goodwin, who won the Christmas Hamper, and Bev McDonald, winner of the Lunch for Two provided by the Holiday Inn Resort at Terrigal. The coveted Island Plaque was won by Noele Strathdee after answering some gruelling questions concerning the Island. A merry time was had by all.

Bingo Players Urgently Required

The Lions Club would welcome new faces at their Monday morning 10.30 to 12.30 bingo sessions at Ettalong Beach Club. Funds raised go towards helping local charities.

Coming Events

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

Sunset Over the Old Millennium

If I were free to do so, I would take a glass of champagne to the Reserve at the end of Marina View where it overlooks Orange Grove, and subject to weather conditions of course, watch the sun set over the horizon for the last time this millennium - (it could be done again next year for those who want to celebrate the occasion then). Others might like to do the same on other suitable parts of the Island. *Ed.*

Looking back ...

... and forward to the new Millennium

A thought to leave you with - yesterday was history, tomorrow is a mystery and today is a gift, which is why it is called the present!

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.

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