



# The Island News

ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

*"The Central Coast's Island In the Sun"*

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**D**allas Finney - a Texan film star? Let me tell you. Dallas lives here on the Island and is an E.N.T. surgeon whose specialism is microscopic ear surgery. He now gives talks about the developments and progress in the 20th century of each of medicine, cancer treatment and surgery. By popular demand, Dallas has been invited back as the guest speaker at our **next General Meeting**. On this occasion Dallas will be talking about the aspect of surgery and how advances in technology have allowed the detailed eye and ear surgery of the past to be translated into surgery as a whole. Make sure you come along to what will prove to be a most interesting and informative evening. The meeting will be held at **Peridon Hall, Empire Bay Drive on Thursday, 15th June commencing at 7.30pm**. There will be a small supper and social gathering when Dallas finishes speaking. A plate of food would be much appreciated. Your nearest committee member will be pleased to assist with transport if required. *See Stop Press on back page*

## Message from our New President Ron Spratt OAM

First I must congratulate Stan Johnson and his Committee for the good work done in the past year. Previously I have been active with the Committee in the development of guide-lines for the use of the Island waterways and I now have the chance to work again with them for the residents of this island paradise. I am sure the years ahead will see even further improvement to the environment of St Huberts Island. If any resident has a suggestion or a particular issue concerning the Island that they would like to raise, the Committee and I would be pleased to hear your comments.

- Stan Johnson has had to relinquish his presidency due to moving from the Island. Our thanks to Stan, Don Turtle and last but certainly not least, George Maddox who has worked steadfastly on the Committee for 11 years. Don and George remain residents of the Island and their comments and advice will continue to be very much appreciated. *Ed.*

## Membership Fees

Association membership fees are due on 1st July. A renewal notice will be sent to all financial members soon. Non-members and new residents, whom we should like to take this opportunity to welcome to our Island, will also receive an invitation to join. It costs only \$5 per annum for a family membership, which offsets the costs of general administration, hall hire, newsletters and various Island activities. The Association is also a platform for voicing any grievance concerning the Island, so do please consider joining.

## **Christmas in July**

The Association is again planning to hold its annual Christmas in July function in conjunction with the Ettalong Beach Club Dinner and Tivoli Show on **Saturday, 1st July at 6pm**. Tickets costing \$25 may be purchased direct from the Club. You would be most welcome to join the group of St Huberts 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 bus pick up and drop off if required - subject to availability. Any committee member can be contacted to arrange for non-members to be signed in.

## **Traffic Management**

There has been some activity at the top of the bridge just recently. Could it be that the roundabout is about to be constructed? Watch this space!

## **World Environment Day - 5th June**

Starting in your own garden by recycling grass clippings as compost or mulch, in effect contributes to nature conservation at local, regional, state, national and ultimately global levels. With the motto "Nothing is wasted on the Central Coast", the Waste Board (4323 4343) will gladly offer free assistance and advice on waste minimisation including a free brochure on low waste gardens. If you are interested in becoming involved in conservation of the local natural areas you can attend the next Bushcare Workshop on 8th July or volunteer for the Mobile Bushcare Squad - details from Amelia on 4325 8195. Craig on 4325 8468 will tell you where to get planting for the Arbour Day (24th July) celebrations or how to become a Twitcher (Birdwatcher or Birdo) if your interest is in birds (the winged variety!). You would be required to keep a list of the birds you see for the Second Atlas of Australian Birds project. With enough local interest we could have a Daleys Point Bushcare Group yet!

- In an effort to tidy up our streets, Council can now impose a fine on anyone leaving waste on the kerbside for more than 48 hours. Perhaps Gosford will follow Wyong's example and provide us with some green-waste bins with the proceeds!

## **Australia's Biggest Morning Tea**

Heather and Bob Fahey kindly hosted the Island's participation in this mammoth fund raising event for cancer research. A big thank you to all those who stopped by for a cuppa on the day and also to those of you who donated money or items for the tea or raffle. A cheque for \$382.30c. has been sent to the Cancer Council. Raffle winners were Jacqui Barnes, Jan Moye, Laurel Scott, Kevin Paterson and Noel Beringer.

## **Let the Show Begin!**

At 10am on 8th June, the Sydney 2000 Olympic torch relay cauldron will be unveiled at Gosford Council chambers marking the start of local celebrations. The cauldron will remain in the community as an enduring legacy to the Olympic Games.

## **Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!**

Our congratulations go to Island resident Stephen Clarke who was runner-up in this year's Australian Town Crier's Championships. Great news Stephen! Gosford will host the Championships during the Australian Springtime Flora Festival in September 2001.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

<b>President:</b>	Ron Spratt	5 Mainsail Avenue	4343 1540
<b>Vice President:</b>	Jim Moye	9 Nautilus Crescent	4344 4343
<b>Secretary:</b>	Bob Fahey	30 Helmsman Boulevard	4342 1061
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Ken Lummis	7 Discovery Street	4342 3156
<b>Committee Members:</b>			
	Joan Barnes (Editor)	10 Marina View Parade	4342 1403
	Norm Walsh	3 Skiff Place	4342 3761
	John Freeman	9 Marina View Parade	4343 1618
	Ray Charlton	29 Nautilus Crescent	4342 4415

## Boat Rules and Regulations

Hopefully all Island boaties are conversant with the NSW Safe Boating Handbook available from Waterways. It would be impossible to give full details on the information it contains, but a brief summary follows:

- **Licensing** - Any person from the age of 16 driving a mechanically propelled recreational vessel on NSW waters at 10 knots or more (general licence); a Personal Water Craft (PWC) at any speed (PWC licence). From 12 to under 16, operating PWC's or boats below 10 knots (young adult PWC licence); general boating (general young adult licence) and to be accompanied by a general licence holder if travelling faster than 10 knots. Licences must be produced if requested and licence testing is available locally.
- **Registration** - Required on vessels capable of 10 knots or more unless shorter than 5.5 metres in length and powered by an engine of 5 horse power or less.
- **Boating Offences** - causing a nuisance or overloading, exceeding alcohol limits (fines); serious offences such as dangerous or negligent navigation (court proceedings). Boat owners must be able to identify the person driving their boat and are themselves liable to a penalty if others infringe the law using the boat with the owner's permission.
- **Remember the three C's:** care, courtesy and common sense.

Be aware that under age usage is being policed. Also, boaties on the Island are asked to observe the 4 knot, no wash areas in the canals and environs of St Huberts Island. Boats do not have brakes, so a proper look out and safe speed are essential on our magnificent waterways.

**Irresponsible behaviour** may be reported to Waterways on 4323 7171 or Harry Simms on 0418 460 294.

## Boats, Planes and Trains

A fast ferry to Sydney will happen! With regard to the Gosford based Supershuttle project, Waterways, Fisheries and Council's Environmental Control Unit are concerned with safety and the preservation of the recreational aspects of Brisbane Water. Fast Ships are leasing a land base for their terminal and await Council approval to build a wharf at Ettalong. Meantime, the new Airport Line has opened - Central Coast customers should interchange at Central. And what about the idea of a fast Newcastle to Sydney rail service? Just over 20 minutes by train from Gosford to Sydney - one day!

