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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

2015	Thursday September 10
	The Cove Hall

The Cove Hall

Island Quarterly Meeting 7.30 pm (more info in this newsletter)

Friday October 9 2015

Island DINE-OUT **Empire Bay Tavern**

6.30 pm (more info in this newsletter)

Sunday November 1 2015 Long Arm Reserve

St Huberts Day BBQ + Extravaganza 11.00 am (more info in this newsletter)

Thursday December 10 2015

Island Quarterly Meeting + XMAS cheer

The Cove Hall

7.30 pm (advance notice)

Sunday December 13 2015

Kayak around St Huberts

Long Arm Reserve

10.00 am (more info in this newsletter)

[If you have an activity or event for Island Residents, email the Editor.]

September Quarterly Meeting

GUEST SPEAKER - Shannon O'Hagan

Shannon O'Hagan from Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service will be speaking at this meeting. Shannon is the service's Community Liaison Officer on the Central Coast and her role is to build their profile, reputation and gain support for the service in our area. As a Budgewoi person she knows the Coast well and is very involved in raising funds, and organises Charity Race Days, Annual Charity Balls (Newcastle's is the night after her presentation to us), singing with Jon Bon Jovi and a lot more.

Each year the Association celebrates St Patricks Day in March, and the festivities double as a fund raiser for this important and vital service.

We have invited Shannon to speak on the nature of the service, what it does and where and how our donations (and "raffle" money) is put to use.

It is something that should be of the utmost interest to all residents and you are encouraged to attend to hear her presentation.

Each General Meeting, the Association would like to invite a Guest Speaker to inform and excite Island Residents on relevant or interesting subjects. If you have a suggestion for a guest speaker, contact Ron Spratt, the Island Association's President on 4343 1540 or email him at websitecontact@sthubertsisland.nsw.au.

Notice

SEPTEMBER QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

All residents are invited to attend this General Meeting in The Cove Hall, Empire Bay Dive, Empire Bay on Thursday 10 September 2015 @ 7.30pm.

The meeting is an open forum where all matters of interest to Island residents can be discussed. Guest speaker for this meeting is Shannon O'Hagan from the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service - see more on this page.

A small plate of food would be appreciated to contribute to the supper after the meeting.

If you require transport to the meeting, please call Ron on 4343 1540.

Call for email addresses

The Association is investigating the future emailing of the newsletter to residents and other recipients. We are also updating our database so we can communicate by email if needed whether for membership receipts, or future purposes. Your email address will not be disclosed to anyone other than Committee members, and will only be used for St Huberts Island Residents Association purposes. If you use email please send your email address to our Secretary,

annabel.mcmillan@belkin.com.

A Word from the President...

General Meeting - September 2015

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Guest Speaker

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[See more about Shannon on the front page]

Play Equipment Attunga & Solstice Reserves

After a lively meeting in June Gosford Council have agreed to install play equipment in Attunga Reserve with some adventure play items in Solstice Reserve but we don't have a date for completion of the works. [See more on

St Huberts Barbecue Sunday November 1 2015

The annual St Huberts Day barbecue has been arranged for Sunday November 1 2015. This is a great day to meet up with fellow island residents in a very casual and social atmosphere. The association plans this event on the nearest Sunday each year to St Huberts Day. For interest St Hubert is the French Patron Saint of Hunters and St Huberts Day is celebrated November 3 each year. [See the Extravaganza notice on Page 3]

Ron Spratt OAM President August 2015

Report

Neighbourhood Watch

The following crimes were reported to police in July 2015 -

Helmsman Boulevard 1 malicious damage 1 stealing Mainsail Avenue 1 malicious damage

Marina View Parade 1 stealing

Mercator Parade 1 malicious damage

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Notice

DINE OUT has returned.

Empire Bay Tavern Friday 9 October 6:30pm

We invite our St. Huberts Island residents, especially those new to the Island, to join us for dinner at the Smoke House & Grill at the Empire Bay Tavern on Friday 9th October at 6.30 pm. This is a great way to meet and mingle with the residents of the Island. On Fridays and Saturdays the Tavern open their Smoke House & Grill for the most generous and succulent Full Rack of Beef Ribs or Pork Ribs, Southern Fried Chicken, Pulled Pork Nachos, Shredded Pork and a great variety of Hamburgers including the Veginator. The normal menu is also available.

You can use the free courtesy bus so our drivers can also enjoy the evening. If you are planning on catching the free courtesy bus you can ring the driver on 0405 578 788 after 4pm on the day. Dinner is at your own cost however we would like to reserve tables together before Monday 5th October . Please book with Helene Cornwell on her email at helene.cornwell@optusnet.com.au or phone her on 4342 1251 and please advise her if you will be utilising the courtesy bus. We look forward to seeing you for a fun evening together at the Tavern.



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Report

Attunga Close and Solstice Place play equipment

For those Island residents who did not attended the June General Meeting at The Cove Hall, we were questioned, consulted, and informed of all the possibilities for the new playgrounds at the aged and bare Attunga Close and Solstice Place parks. Gosford City Open Space) and Emma

Council staff Kim Radford (Coordinator Passive Wallace (Parks & Playgrounds Officer) council's Playground Strategy 2009 which they have to adhere to and which Attunga as a "pocket park" and Solstice as as a playground in their plans into the However, they then set about showing they could do with BOTH parks their considerable knowledge and in playground development, their budget of \$45,000, buying items the end of financial year discounts all play equipment providers offer AND the bits

Council depots (Editors words here). picking the brains of the assembled residents at

the meeting to determine what we really wanted, the two experts provided a PowerPoint display of what is possible in the way of new, exciting, and modular play equipment. They also indicated what they could do with the "Council Depot bits and pieces".

The meeting attendees left the meeting knowing that our two Island parks were in the excellent hands of two people who were determined to create the best playgrounds they could manage within their restrictions.

The intentions at this stage are

pieces they could snaffle from the

Attunga will keep it's large swing but one of the seats will be changed over to a safer seat for the smaller rear-ended (already done I see). The old swing will be removed at its end of life - which is still a fair way off. Attunga will also receive a state-of-the-art modular play different components" as suggested by the

set with "all sorts of residents, and with This will require the fig tree roots, two adjoining Solstice (a park marked for turned into a park consisting of part-buried logs with varying and heights for kids to climb

leap, etc. These are the "bits and cost Council nothing for a nature play

style park and which require no soft-fall. Solstice will also be planted with trees that can be climbed by kids - possibly Banksia - and other shrubs to visually and environmentally soften the park.

The Association plans to have a big park opening extravaganza (!), so stay tuned...

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Notice

St Huberts Day BBQ EXTRAVAGANZA!

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MEET MY NEIGHBOUR - Neville and Marilyn Smith.

Neville and Marilyn have been happy Islanders for many years after Neville built their home on Helmsman Boulevard in 1979. Their children Andrew and Alison know only too well the pleasures of this Island life. Since that time they have both contributed greatly to Island life.

Neville has been a committee member of the St Huberts Island Residents Association for more than a decade. In 2004 his role in the Association picked up pace when he was elected as the Honorary Editor of The Island News. This role he has finally passed on to another after 11 years.

For all of his working life Neville has been in the printing industry, starting his apprenticeship with The Women's Weekly in 1959. In the mid-1980's Neville commenced business for himself with the family company Island Offset Printing. Marilyn was a valuable side kick to Neville until the company was dissolved in 2009.

Not to be left idle Neville and Marilyn began importing goods from China; some good, some not so good. In his younger days Neville was an accomplished tennis player and played Rugby League for Umina and Woy Woy. His sporting prowess has now taken Neville to the bowls arena at the Everglades.



In more recent years Neville and Marilyn have organised on behalf of the Island Association, the Island Big Cuppa for the Cancer Council at their home on Helmsman Boulevard. They have been instrumental in raising in excess of \$4,000 for the Cancer Council in that time.

After Neville heard the Publicity Officer for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service speaking at an Association meeting, Neville and Marilyn decided to adopt that charity for the St Patrick's Day celebrations which have become another regular Island event. While 2011 saw the St Patrick's Day fund-raising and festivities deferred to the Roctober Fest, in total more than \$8,000 has been raised for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service - all in the front yard of Neville and Marilyn's home in Helmsman Boulevard. Neville enjoys being the organiser of the entertainment for St Patrick's Day and they range from "rock" groups to vocalists. Having been a past Vice President of the community radio station CCCFM may aid Neville in his ability to get the artists.

Neville never lets the grass grow under his feet. Just to fill in his days Neville is an active member of the Fisho's Clubs at the Ettalong Beach Hotel and Ettalong Diggers Club.

Neville and Marilyn hope they will be island residents for many years to come.

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Report

Fisho's Corner.

At the Rip Bridge a few school Jewies are being taken Most are being caught on soft plastic lures at first light. Some big Flatties are also cruising in the same area, and up and around Half Tide Rocks.

Empire Bay, up towards the Convent there are some nice Bream at night, and a few Whiting by day are being caught.

A few good Bream are being bagged at night in the Woy Woy channel with the same action happening at the Spike Milligan Bridge and at the end of the Broadwater at Gosford harbour. Good Whiting are also being taken on worm baits at Ettalong Beach and Umina Beach.

Should anyone be interested in joining a local fishing club please see Ken at the next General Meeting.

Have you caught a fish or two lately and want to brag or share your luck with our readers, email your picture/s to the Editor at

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This year there are 12 members on your Association Committee.

Island Residents may like to know a little about these 12 people who are trying to make St Huberts Island a better place to live and bring all Island residents together as a community.

Over the next three Island News issues, we will look at four of the Committee members. For no reason, and at random, here are the first four alphabetically...

Helene Cornwell - Committee member

I moved from London to St Huberts Island about 6 years ago. I love the lifestyle here after returning from cold and rainy Britain - absolute paradise.

Born in Newcastle NSW, I worked as a private secretary for the biggest legal firm there. I later became secretary to Sir Allen Fairhall, Federal MP for Patterson, and Defence Minister in Canberra in the '60s. Moving to Britain I joined the Australian Embassy in public relations travelling all over the UK doing promotions. I met and married my English husband there and we have a daughter, Louise, who now lives in Bensville with her family. I enjoy an active lifestyle and as I'm widowed I've joined many local groups such as tennis, walking, mah-jong, yoga, U3A, book club, kayaking and garden club. I've two adorable little dogs - Miffy and Brucie, who with my grand-daughters keep me active and busy.

Ken Lummis - Treasurer

Currently Treasurer of the St Huberts Island Residents Association and Life member of the Association. Married to my lovely wife Astrid, two wonderful children and four fabulous grandkids. I was former Administrative Manager in the Banking Industry. An Island resident since 1980, I have also been Treasurer of the Residents Association for last 28 years. In my various roles I have been past Treasurer, President and current Secretary of Ettalong Probus Club, as well as President of the Commonwealth Bank Retirees on the Central Coast for last 12 years.

Julie Piper - Committee member

I moved to St Huberts Island in 2009 with my then new husband Darryl (who walks all streets of the Island most days) and finally feel like a Coastie after 6 years. We have a daughter in Kindergarten at Empire Bay Public school and a son aged four - both keep me busy. I work part time as a human resources assistant and enjoy our local beaches and activities. I joined the Residents Association as I am passionate about our community and hope to encourage the embracing of our diversity of length of residence and age.

Steve Steele - Hon Editor Island News

Married to Gail (of Ab Fab Ceramics "fame") and we have three sons. Two of them live and work overseas while the third lives in Sydney and fills the "sonly" roles of all three. I moved to Terrigal at 2yo and was raised there. After University there was lots of moving around including Stanwell Park, Bathurst, back to Terrigal and around Sydney at various times. I started out as a teacher, then a builder and finally back to teaching for 19 more years, finally clocking-off in 2006 as a Head of Department at a Sydney private school. We have been contented St Huberts residents since 2003 and currently living with a crazy diving and swimming girl dog who hates other girl dogs!





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MARINE RESCUE NSW

Marine Rescue NSW officially took to the water on New Year's Day 2010. It was the amalgamation of the previous three marine rescue organisations in NSW - the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association, Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol and Volunteer Rescue Association's marine fleet. Marine Rescue NSW is not a Government agency but a not-for-profit, community-based organisation. Their volunteers wear royal blue uniforms on vessels bearing a new distinctive red and



white livery. MRNSW now has 45 active Units along the NSW coastline and some inland lakes

and rivers, and bring volunteer marine rescue and marine radio services to boating users and communities. MRNSW volunteers undertake about 70% of all the marine rescues in NSW waters.

The CENTRAL COAST UNIT

Marine Rescue Central Coast started out as the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol Central Coast Division that was formed in 1971, where it operated from a caravan radio base on the waterfront at Gosford near the break-wall. In 1974 it moved to purpose built waterfront premises at Point Clare.

Now as Marine Rescue NSW, the Central Coast unit under the leadership of Unit Commander Roger Palmer, an ex-merchant navy man, now has more than 100 volunteer members. The Unit provides marine radio coverage for Marine Rescue Terrigal and Marine Rescue Central Coast from its Point Clare Base that operates 7 days a week from 0600 to 1800 hours.



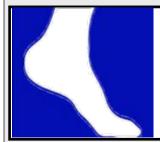
CC21 in the water and CC22 on the lift at the Point Clare base.

The Unit has two rescue vessels and a rescue water craft (jet ski) with trained and accredited crews available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. The Unit's primary rescue vessel is a freshly refurbished 7.6m, 415 hp Yanmar diesel powered marine jet vessel capable of 28+ knots with an endurance of up to 16 hours offshore (CC21). The second rescue vessel is a 3-crew, 6.8m, 32+ knot twin outboard fast Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat fast response search and rescue vessel (CC22 - an Ocean Cylinder 6800). The Rescue Water Craft (CC11 - a Sea-Doo GTI 130 jet ski) is available for initial fast response in broken and shallow water. The Unit also has a 4m runabout for crew training (CC12). The two rescue vessels are berthed out of the water on boat lifts, and recently been refitted with top of the line Raymarine electronics, with the newer C22 also fitted with FLIR night navigation and infrared search capabilities - there were insufficient funds to fit out CC21 with FLIR. Unit volunteers have raised more than \$500,000 to have these vessels custom built specifically for local conditions. The Unit prides itself in getting a boat on the water within 20 minutes to work between Broken Bay and Norah Head.

The Unit must continually train its volunteer members to the highest standards to enable provision of the rescue services for the community. Without the volunteers there would be no marine rescue services available on Brisbane Water or offshore between Norah Head and Broken Bay. To maintain the facilities and services the Unit must raise about \$100,000 each year for operating costs - the NSW government gives \$20,000 each year towards the \$120,000 it costs to run the Unit. Simplistically, this means each volunteer needs to raise \$1,000 each year! Additional funds are constantly needed for capital expenditure to replace old or worn out equipment, and to install new and modern equipment, and search and rescue aids.

While the major role of Marine Rescue is marine search and rescue (SAR), marine education is a complementary but essential part of the service. The Unit is now a Registered Training Organisation and provides a range of marine education courses open to the public from its Point Clare base. Subjects covered are 27MHz Marine Radio, Marine Radio Operations (MROCP licence course), Seamanship, Seamen's Meteorology, Basic and Coastal Navigation and NSW Maritime Boat Drivers and PWC Licence courses. Course reservations can be made online or by phone - see below for contacts.

(Marine Rescue NSW continued next page)



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Community support is essential for survival of the Unit and it demonstrates to the members that the public accepts and acknowledges the need for, and the role that the Unit plays in safety on the water. Members are justifiably proud of the Unit's past record and enjoy the camaraderie of membership.

Inspection of the principal base at Point Clare is invited to enable the volunteers to show the facilities and demonstrate how funds raised are used effectively for the benefit of the community.



Volunteer radio operators - Noia Hitchings and Paul Degeling in the

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Island Residents...

50th Wedding Anniversary Geoff and Ros Greener

Ros and Geoff Greener celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 12 June this year. The Island Association would like to congratulate Geoff and Ros for this significant landmark in their life together. On the day they received congratulatory letters from the Tony Abbot, Mike Baird, David Hurley, Lucy Wicks, Adam Crouch, Lawrie McKinna and the Governor General.

As part of her very busy life, Ros has been taking, and continues to take women, for walks all over the Central Coast for the past 12 years. She has over 60 women on her "Walking Database".

Geoff is equally as busy, particularly concentrating on the Mens Shed at Ettalong, where they have recently received a "contract" from Gosford Council for 16 worm farms in old bath tubs?



We would like to acknowledge significant events for Island residents. If you know of any, email the Editor at islandnews@sthubertsisland.nsw.au.

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Memberships - NEW and CURRENT - a reminder

Thank you to members who have renewed their membership for 2015/16. If you have yet to renew please send your \$5 membership fee to the Secretary, Annabel McMillan @ 1/29 Marina View Parade.

And for new residents – Welcome. If you would like to join the Island Association and be part of our community please send your \$5 membership fee to Annabel McMillan at the same address.



For those who have provided email addresses an email will be sent shortly to acknowledge receipt of your membership fee. Future receipts will be issued by email, if you have yet to provide you email address please do so to

annabel.mcmillan@belkin.com.

The Association is calling for email addresses from Island residents for receipt delivery purposes, as well as other uses - see the "Call for email addresses" elsewhere in this newsletter.

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TidBits...



* "New" Australian citizens

On Australia Day this year, we definitely know the Australian population increased by two. The Association offers a very belated congratulations to Island residents Brian and Charlotte Zeederberg who became Australian citizens on this day. We know a little about Brian and Charlotte from the "Meet My Neighbour" article in the September 2014 Island News, where we discovered (amongst other things) their love of taildraggers specifically their own Tiger Moth. Brian has a long history in aviation while Charlotte was involved with the early childhood music curriculum known as Kindermusik in South Africa, and continues to be passionate about children with learning problems and music therapy. Congratulations Aussies! Their Island News article can be found on the Island website - sthubertsisland.nsw.au.

A call for more "Meet My Neighbour" people

Following from the above TidBit, the Island News Editor is always on the lookout for other Island residents willing to become a "Meet My Neighbour". The more you meet and talk to Islanders, the more you realise what an eclectic bunch we are, and that everyone has their own different and intriguing story. If you want to put yourself in, or dob in some-one else, let the Editor know at

islandnews@sthubertsisland.nsw.au.



New Island Website

The organisation which supports and maintains the large number of community websites throughout Australia has recently stopped this role. Our St Huberts Island website is thus changing. By the time you receive this newsletter, the Island's website will look different - it still contains the same information and navigation structure. However as the webmaster masters (?) the new software, the website will gradually change and probably include new features. Contact the webmaster at webmaster@sthubertsisland.nsw.au for any comments, suggestions etc. More to come for the www.sthubertsisland.nsw.au website...

* Abandoned cars

Occasionally abandoned cars appear on our Island streets. If this happens the procedure to get them removed is to contact the Council on 4325 8222. The Council Rangers then take up the matter. More on the Council's website at www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/community/services/ ranger-services.



Sea Walls

As sea walls continue to collapse with greater regularity, the Association has written to the

Council regarding moving sand involved with sea walls, and the repair and re-construction of them. We have not heard back from them yet, nor in relation to the use of Council funds to restore sea walls. More to come...

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Speedwell bicycle, blue, left outside 33 Cuttlefish Pde in July.

The bike has now moved elsewhere and is in the hands of Bob and Eileen - contact them on 4342 1967 or 0409 153 841.

Good Neighbours - a salutary tale

As a widower living alone, I greatly appreciated hot dinners brought in by both my neighbours during the recent blackout. When I broke my wrist in a fall recently my neighbour, Bruce Halliday, drove me to Gosford Hospital Casualty the next day and back the following day for surgery. I was advised not to drive for six weeks so Bruce took me shopping, and also picked-up and laid rugs which replaced storm damaged ones. Bruce and Sue also provided occasional meals.

Take the initiative - meet and maintain contact with your neighbours. It can be a two-way street. Help them and they help you.

Martin Wellington thanks his neighbours.

4 knot signs

As the days lengthen and heat up, the problem with vessels exceeding the 4 knot (no wash) zones around the Island rears it's ugly head again. 4 knots is slightly more than an adult's walking speed.

It is definitely not safe to travel faster than this in the canals of the Island, particularly due to their use by mainly children in the summer months. And significantly the wash destroys Island sea walls considerably faster than the normal tidal ebb and flow. The Association has written to RMS about our 4 knot signs regarding their placement and condition, but it is also up to the canal dwellers to remind their watercraft-using visitors about canal speeds.

If you spot someone speeding, try to photograph the craft and its registration number, and send it to the RMS. They have a record of following this up and fining the offenders. If you see problems with signs, or their placement, email the Association at websitecontact@sthubertsisland.nsw.au.

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open a newsletter PDF from the website, these Internet links will work when clicked on. This also works if you email a newsletter to another, and also if the Association moves to emailing newsletters directly to members.

Potholes

The Association has been concerned about the state of the road surfaces about the Island as the top surface layer breaks apart exposing the old layer below. Concerned that this damage could continue, the Association contacted Council with these concerns.

Our thanks to the Council for responding, and patching the worst damage on the busier roads with what appears to be far better than the temporary dark-coloured hot-mix patches which appear quickly (and then fall apart) on other road surfaces.

Yoga is for Everyone

A new wellness class has started at Empire Bay Hall on Mondays 8.15 am to 9.15 am. The class is for absolute beginners as well as those recovering from illness or injury.

There are four classes to choose from -

Monday

Wellness Yoga 8.15 am - 9.15 am9.30 am – 10.30 am Morning Yoga Evening Yoga 6 pm - 7 pm

• Friday

Morning Yoga 9.30 am - 10.30 am Contact Julie on 4369 8735 or www.learningcirclesyoga.com.



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Kayak around our Island

Would anybody like to join us on Sunday 13th December for a paddle around our island? Come meet us for a 10am departure from Long Arm Reserve and we will paddle anticlockwise around St. Huberts. You could join in at any location along our route but remember it only takes a little over an hour to get around the island. On our return to Long Arm Reserve we can picnic or BBQ in the park for lunch.

Register your interest with Carolynne via email at mucharsky@hotmail.com or telephone 43444762. We hope to see you there on the

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From the Editor...

Welcome to my first edition of The Island News after taking over the reins from the long serving Nev Smith [see his "Meet My Neighbour" in this issue]. It's a packed newsletter (maybe too packed) and I hope it is a good read.

Any comments regarding the newsletter email me at islandnews@sthubertsisland.nsw.au.

Steve