The Island News

'The Central Coast's Island in the Sun'

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(see TIDBITS)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

2016	Sunday June 5	Monthly Kay	ak around Island
	Long Arm Reserve	9 am	(see TIDBIT

- 2016 Thursday June 9 **GENERAL MEETING** The Cove Hall 7:30 pm (see THIS PAGE)
- Monthly Kayak around Island 2016 Sunday July 3 Long Arm Reserve (advance notice & TIDBITS) 9 am
- 2016 Friday July 8 Island Quarterly Dine-Out - 2016#3 **Daleys Kitchen** 6:30 pm (see INSIDE)
- 2016 Thursday September 8 GENERAL MEETING The Cove Hall 7:30 pm (advance notice)
- 2016 Sunday November 6 St Huberts Day Family BBQ Long Arm Reserve 11 am (including extravaganza)

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

JUNE GENERAL Meeting

BIG DISCUSSION ON CANAL MAINTENANCE

A Plan Of Management for the maintenance of our Canals is happening. The newly engaged consultant - "GHD" - is beginning their Community Consultation phase at this meeting.

Several questions should be provided by GHD in time for the Association Members to discuss at this Meeting.

Components to be included within the scope of the study are -

- Ganal depths and sedimentation levels
- 9 Foreshore management
- 9 Shoreline erosion/accretion
- Seawalls
- 🖌 Boat ramps
- Pontoons and associated walkways
- 9 Wrack (seaweed/seagrass) accumulation.

Our responses will be relayed to GDH so they can begin the draft plan phase.

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 Rod Blake, the Island Association's President at president@sthubertsisland.nsw.au.

Notice

VERY IMPORTANT.... JUNE GENERAL

MEETING

All residents are invited to attend the meeting in The Cove Hall, Empire Bay Drive, Empire Bay on Thursday June 9 2016 at 7.30pm.

This is an open forum where all matters of interest to island residents can be discussed.

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

From the SECRETARY

We need your email address!

The Association is increasingly distributing important information to Island residents using email.

A guick count shows we have 100 email addresses from about 235 residences (that is too low - join now!) - which is not good enough. We need more email addresses, particularly from the canal pontoon owners who need to be kept up to date on the Council and their lawyers.

Are you a MEMBER?

It is only \$5 a year! You have nothing to lose, and everything to gain. Canal Pontoon owners are now finding out the benefits of being a member of the St Huberts Island Residents Association. If you are not a member, join NOW so we can help YOU.

We are here for you... and all residents. Be part of the Island community - join now.

Email the Secretary with you permission to use your email address at secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au.



A Word from the new (Casual) President!

As many of you would be aware, at the last AGM Ron Spratt retired from the St Huberts Island Residents Association as President. Everyone knew these were shoes hard to fill after the job he had done for the Island for more than a decade and a half, and no one was prepared to put themselves forward to fill the role! There had been some pressure applied to some residents (me included) to fill the position of President, firstly as a casual vacancy, then a Committee vote as President until the next AGM when a new Committee is voted in.

So here I am and here we go.

My wife (Kim) and I have been residents on the Island for just 3 years, living in "The White House" on Marina View Parade. Yes, there have been some jokes at my expense already about the President and The White House and no, there are no interns involved!! In that time we have seen some fabulous changes to the Island with many new residents arriving, many with young families, and some major upgrades to homes which will help change the appearance of the Island and drive up the values of properties for all of us. We have also been blessed with fantastic neighbours and great friendships from those we continue to meet.

I had worked in sales and marketing in the automotive parts industry for 40 years and for the past 10 years have owned a wholesale cosmetics importing business based in Alexandria. Kim and I first worked together 35 years ago and while both single had different paths to follow. We had both married and then lost our long term partners. We were reconnected by a friend in 2011 and then eloped to New York and were married in 2012. We both have two sons and Kim has three grandchildren. I have recently joined Everglades to take up golf and we love the beach and the fantastic waterways that we have around us. A cold beverage is always available! We are incredibly lucky to be able to live in this paradise we call home. Our aim as the Committee is to help progress your community and communicate with local government, and to bring people together by providing social activities that we can all enjoy appropriate to our Island lifestyle.

Cheers,

Rod Blake President - June 2016

Report

Neighbourhood Watch

The following crimes were reported to police:-

February	Marina View Parade	1 stealing
March	Mainsail Avenue	l assault
	Salacia Close	l stolen vehicle/vessel
April	Marina View Parade	1 malicious damage



NOTE: Available police crime reports do not differentiate between stealing vehicles or vessels.

Another reminder of Outboard Motor Security - they are stolen on the Island... To discourage theft of light and portable outboards, chain and padlock outboards to the boat.

Ring 000 for crimes in progress

For other crimes ring Police Assistance Line **131 444** (24/7 - report a crime) or Crimestoppers **1800 333 000** - a community based program to collect crime information if you wish to remain anonymous.

A youth on ice in a tinny with house breaking tools was recently arrested in Brisbane Waters. Hence, ensure your doors are locked on the waterfront as well as the street sides.

Dealing with a Dispute

Police have advised the existence of Community Justice Centres.

These offer mediation to help resolve disputes involving neighbours, families, workplace, schools, etc at no charge. The parties meet with mediators to resolve the dispute. About 80% of mediations result in an agreement.

For assistance call 1800 990 777.



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St Patricks Day 2016

The annual Westpac Helicopter Fundraiser (St Patricks Day fun day) was again held under the 'big margue' at Neville and Marilyn Smith's front lawn in Helmsman Bvd in March.

Entertainment was again supplied free of charge by Kerri Lewis and Richard Chalkley.

There were raffles, a free sausage sizzle plus of course the slushie machine which worked overtime,

as well as home made Guinness and other liquid refreshments.

Despite the weather turning bad in the late afternoon, over \$3500 was raised for the Helicopter Service.

Many thanks to the sponsors, the entertainers, local dignitaries, Island Residents and friends who attended, (of course) the Committee of your Association, and particularly Nev and Marilyn

Smith for their significant efforts.

All made the day a great success.



Report

Clean Up Australia 2016

A big thank you to all who volunteered on Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 6 March.

We had 15 helpers and a visit from Woy Woy scouts who took lots of rubbish away.

Clean ups concentrated on removal of glass and rubbish around

the bridge, and we made a start on weeding . Weatherly and Beachfront Parade waterfronts were left much tidier with the removal of rubbish and even a tyre. Council promptly picked up our large pile of rubbish the same day.

Julie Piper - Co-ordinator

FISHO'S Corner

Water is sitting around 20 - 21°C.

Outside the action seems to be in the 40 - 70m deep grounds. Flathead, snapper, teraglin, morwong and pigfish are in good numbers.

Inside, flathead and jewfish are being taken around the Rip Bridge at night, while flathead and big bream are plentiful around the Half Tide Rocks and Ettalong point area.

Ettalong Hotel Fishing Club and Ettalong Diggers Fishing Club are always looking for active fishos to join their clubs. For further details contact Ken, Nev or Richard at the General Meeting.

Have you caught a fish or two lately and want to brag about it to our readers? Simply email your pics as well as details where, when caught etc to the editor Island News at islandnews@sthubertsisland.nsw.au.

Tight Lines! Ken

Island Canals Report



Plan Of Management (POM) for Island Canals

After many years of pressure from the Association and a long wait, Central Coast Council has appointed a consultant to begin planning the (long overdue) maintenance of our canals. Canal pontoon owning residents have paid into a Council Canal Maintenance fund for the benefit of all canal residents for many years. It is possible this fund has enough in it to start the POM process.

Central Coast Council has engaged GHD to prepare a POM for the St Huberts Island Drainage Reserves (canals).

The purpose of the POM is to produce a set of guidelines, standards, approval pathways and/or minimum requirements for the management of the canals.

The Association will be closely involved with collecting and compiling resident inputs, and reviews of the Draft and Final POM.

At the General Meeting, proposed questions from GHD will be discussed, if we get them in time. As soon as we receive them, we will distribute these discussion questions to residents ASAP by email, website, Facebook and letterbox drop.

KEEP WATCHING... and come to the Meeting!





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Seawall Repairs - A Cautionary Tale

A member of the Committee recently had their seawall repaired.

For a too long a period the seawall was dropping, gradually tilting forwards and soil/sand behind the wall was washed out slowly by tidal flow leaving some rather large (and dangerous) "sinkholes". Sounds very familiar - doesn't it.

An initial quote in the high \$20,000s was reduced by compromises, yet still led to a more than satisfactory end result.

Unfortunately, as with any excavation job, the problems are always hiding beneath the surface. We discovered the major problem with the seawall was, and a reason why it was slowly falling apart. The last time the seawall was repaired was in the late 1990s. After creating a new, cheap(?), "stable" footing, and the panels replaced, the next step created a disaster for future seawall repairs. They poured about a cubic metre of concrete behind each of the joins in the individual seawall panels. This looked and worked well - the panels were now fused together by this concrete, and it kept the seawall as one rigid unit...

BUT... tidal flow water that always gets in behind the wall could only get out at the bottom of the panels. So... the footings were slowly eroded, and the panels dropped and tipped forwards. Seawall repairs now required.

BUT... (again)...

During the recent repair process, how do you lift out the individual seawall panels to create the new footings and prepare behind the panels.

YOU CAN'T!! The panels are fused together by the large lumps of concrete from the last repair. Jackhammers managed to break some of the concrete

off some panels, but not others. Some panels were damaged at the back. The significant damage occurred when moving individual panels with a tonne or more of concrete attached to one end - the panels broke!!! There are no matching new/2nd hand panels easily procured for St Huberts Island, so the broken panels were repaired and stabilised as much as possible, and cosmetic mortar finished the job.



The moral(s) of the story then...

Don't block the joins between seawall panels. The water needs to get back out after it gets in. "Geofabric" ensures no soil/sand escapes.

If your seawall was repaired in the 90s, there

is a chance it might have the concrete masses behind







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Island Dine-Out



The next Island Dine-Out has been organised, and this time at a NEW VENUE.

On Friday 8th of July from 6.30pm we will be going to Daleys Kitchen - the new cafe at the Cove Village traffic lights, and beside the new childcare centre.

Sue has kindly closed her Café to the public to allow the Island Residents to enjoy time together. So let's get behind our Community and support Sue and her new business.

Menu will be \$25 pp for a set 2 course meal - a choice of either an entrée/main or main/dessert. The menu is not available yet so we will notify you by email (have you sent your email address to the Secretary yet?), Facebook or the Island's website.

There will be BYO with no corkage.

Limited seats are available for this special Island Dine-Out so an RSVP is required sooner to Helene Cornwell

helene.cornwell@optusnet.com.au

Parking is available, however carpooling is always an option with a designated driver - or even walk!

Thanks to Graham Wood from All Australian Stone Masonry for a difficult job well done.

Report

A short history of pontoons in the Island canals.

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The History

The long-running story of firstly moorings then pontoons on the Island began with the first resident - Andrew Colquhoun - who arrived on the Island in January 1973 and wanted to moor his boat. After a brief meeting with the Council Engineers he was brusquely told "... you can get no mooring!", and noted "... the Senior Engineer having a marked distaste for the whole (St Huberts Island) project." With the formation of the St Huberts Island Residents Association in 1976, meetings were continually bogged down with many recurring issues - one of them being boating in the canals. Eventually this issue (and dogs loose on the Island) were banned from discussion at Association meetings.

It was about 20 more years of the Council considering the issue too difficult before they began forming a widely criticised policy concerning moorings and pontoons in these "drainage reserves" - our canals. Initially there were many imposing restrictions with some being impractical.

It was the recently retired Association President - Ron Spratt - who 16 years ago, took hold of the mess which was pontoons and moorings in our canals, and worked with Council to arrive at the best possible compromise result for all Island canal residents. In 2000 the Council adopted the "Development Control Plan 145 - Mooring Facilities on St Huberts Island". It was another six years before this DCP 145 was finally sorted out - a decade in total. Council kept back-tracking, were confused in their description and implementation

of the plan, held public meetings - one meeting made null-and-void, changing the legal methods used, NSW Maritime unilaterally making decisions, and a Council sub-committee which was no help to Islanders.

Finally in 2006 after considerable "blood, sweat and tears" from Ron Spratt and the Association, Islanders were able to "welcome" the final version of DCP 145.

The final "Development Control Plan 145 -**Mooring Facilities on St Huberts Island**"

The main features of this final plan for St Hubert's canals are -

- The canals are actually drainage reserves for street drains and surface water runoff.
- The canals are blocks of "land" owned by the Council, and with their own Lot Number.
- We need to deal with Council in order to place our pontoon, walkway and mooring poles on their land.
- So called "outside blocks" on the Island build their jetty/walkway/pontoon on NSW Government "land", so deal with State Government departments.
- Existing pontoons (before the creation/implementation of the DCP) need to apply for a Development Approval for the existing pontoon, and modify it to meet new requirements - or remove it!
- Council says pontoons must now be shared between two properties although they are allowing single property pontoons.
- A yearly fee is paid to Council annually for pontoons placed on Council land currently \$819 for a single property pontoon and \$388.50 each for dual properties - with CPI increases.
- These fees are placed in a Council fund to be used in the future for Canal maintenance. Interest will also accrue, and other • moneys may be placed in this fund by Council as voted from time to time.
- The last time the canals were maintained was in the 1970s... when the Island was "built"!
- Council has indicated a maximum of 10% of this fund will be used to create a Plan Of Management.
- Permission to use Council land, build the structure and berth a vessel is achieved by a Deed of Licence with Council.
- A Positive Covenant is also required which is registered on your property title.
- Your original Certificate of Title for your property needs to be presented to the NSW State Registry Land and Property Information, for the positive Covenant registration.
- Legal fees are associated with the preparation of the Deed of Licence and Positive Covenant current in excess of \$1200 for a single licence pontoon.
- This Deed of Licence expires after 5 years and needs to be renewed.
- Renewal of the Deed of Licence means a new Positive Covenant as well, to again be registered on your Certificate of Title.

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Each five years, far in excess of \$1200 will be required for the same processes!



... AND IT IS THIS FIVE YEAR CYCLE OF RENEWALS AND LEGAL FEES THAT HAS ALL PONTOON OWNERS (AND FUTURE OWNERS) ON THE ISLAND, UP-IN-ARMS.

More on the Canals on the front page and page 3.

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of \$64.50 to these services.

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240L Recycling Bin

240L Garden Vegetation Bin

*Standard Service: 120L General Waste Bin, 240L Recycling Bin, 240L Garden Vegetation Bin

Upgraded Service: 240L General Waste Bin, 240L Recycling Bin 240L Garden Vegetation Bin

Remove 120L General Waste Bin and Replace

Remove 240L General Waste Bin and Replace

120L General Waste Bin - no extra bulk

240L General Waste Bin - no extra bulk

DOWNGRADE GARBAGE BIN FROM 240L TO 1200

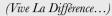
IN PLACE (NO EXTRA BULK COLLECTIONS PROVIDED)

SPECIAL REPORT GARBAGE!! - Episode 2

Garbage - What goes in each bin?

The Island has three categories of resident when it comes to our three garbage bins (and what goes in them)...

- Some are meticulous about our 3 bins, and sorting and recycling
- Some sort bins some of the time
- Some aren't bothered.





As you know we have ... THREE BINS €120 litre Red Lid - or 240 litre upgrade on request - or multiples of 240L Red Lids €240 litre Yellow Lid - or multiples of 240L Yellow Lids €240 litre Green Lid - or multiples of 240L Green Lids

While the standard bin sizes currently cost \$361 per year + \$64.50 base charge, you can change or mix bin sizes as shown in this table. ---->

So... what goes in each.

GREEN LID VEGETATION BIN

YES

- grass clippings and leaves
- flowers and weeds
- prunings, twigs and branches
- untreated timber
- plants and small shrubs

NO

- rocks and soil
- food scraps
- garden hoses
- pots
- treated timber and lattice
- large branches, logs and stumps
- plastic bags
- biodegradable bags
- pet waste including kitty litter
- building materials

RED LID GENERAL WASTE BIN

YES

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- plastic wrappers
- disposable nappies
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- light globes and Pyrex
 - other mixed garbage

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NO

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- hazardous materials
- liquid waste
- chemicals
- paints and oils
- medical waste

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Tom Tregent Chris Ireland Andrew Tregent Susan Wood



YELLOW LID RECYCLING BIN

YES

Rigid plastic bottles and containers

- biscuit trays
- body wash bottles
- detergent bottles
- cleaning spray bottles
- cream containers
- drink bottles
- ice cream tubs
- laundry liquid bottles
- lids (preferred separated from bottle, container or jar)
- margarine and butter tubs
- moisturiser tubes
- sauce bottles
- shampoo and
- conditioner bottles strawberry and
- tomato punnets sunscreen tubes
- take-away food
- containers
- yoghurt tubs

NO

- plastic bags and wrappers
- clothing, linen and shoes
- shredded paper
- long life cartons
- polystyrene and Styrofoam
- general waste including nappies and
- food waste
- garden waste
- ceramics, light globes and Pyrex
- electrical appliances
- hazardous wastes, paints and oils
- medical waste or syringes
- gas cylinders and fire hydrants

Paper and cardboard

- cardboard packaging
- cereal boxes
- egg cartons
- fresh milk and juice cartons

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- greeting cards
- junk mail
- laundry powder boxes
- office and computer paper
- paper plates
- paper/cardboard cups
- pizza boxes
- phone books
- wrapping paper (not foil or plastic)



HINTS

No plastic bags: Simply put your recyclable items loosely into the bin. Staff at the recycling centre will not open plastic bags, so anything placed in a plastic bag will end up in landfill.

Recycling right: Make sure jars, bottles and cans are empty and contain no liquid or food. Tip out your liquids and scrape out any food remains.

If you prefer to wash your recycling use old dishwater instead of fresh water.

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REPORT

Solstice Reserve Nature Play Area

Kim Radford, in charge of Parks at the Council has contacted us about the Solstice "Nature Play" park. She tells us the park is due to be completed in the Spring, at latest in the Summer. Her park crew took on another 100 parks without any additional staffing, and therefore have been extremely busy just trying to keep up with the upkeep of the parks. Kim is hoping winter time will allow them to get on top of their "to do" list.





An article in the

September 2015 Island News described the Solstice Nature Play park as - "... consisting of sandstone blocks, part-buried logs and other objects with varying orientations, sizes and heights for kids to climb all over, jump, leap, etc. These are the "bits and pieces" which will 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."



PLEASE NOTE: These photos in no-way indicate what our park will look like. They are a examples of other Nature Play Parks.



Cars and motor bikes do it on the Island. And... buses too!

We will contact the bus company, but we need YOU in your car or on your motor bike to watch your speed... as do the Highway Patrol!

Longer term residents are seeing a lot more people walking, jogging, dogging(!), push biking etc on the Island roads. Helmsman Bvd was intentionally made wide enough for residents to use the sides of this road for recreation purposes. There are no footpaths.

For their safety and your wallet, DON'T SPEED.





TidBits...

* Attunga playground update

There has been lots of positive comment recently from residents about the Attunga play area.

The park and its new play equipment have been a big hit with all Islanders and visitors, and those kids who haven't been yet are encouraged to drag their carer there and check out the "gear".

We did get one comment about the possible dirty nature of the soft fall, so we put this question to Kim Radford, in charge of Parks at Council. She provided us with a lengthy reply, which I will endeavour to read between the lines, summarise, paraphrase and interpret.

Basically the current soft fall is a compromise between \$10,000 for sand or \$25,000 for rubber (and not get our playground due to

Kayak around the Island each month

Monthly Sunday Kayaking Around St Huberts Island is now a regular activity.

Following on from the successful inaugural St Huberts Island Paddle Regatta in December last year, many kayakers now return for the regular activity. A solid core of kayakers meet on the FIRST SUNDAY of each month in Long Arm Reserve at 9 am.

So please come along with your friends and enjoy a group kayak around the Island. For more information, email Helene at helene.comwell@optusnet.com.au or at 4342 1251.

*Just a reminder, the St Huberts Island Residents Assn Inc is not in possession of any 3rd party liability insurance. Whilst the Assn. is advertising this event, it is not a sponsored event. Persons attending do so at their own risk.



their costs), or the current soft fall which allowed for the best play equipment possible for the small amount of Council money available.

The current "mulch" is a very common soft fall used in many playgrounds, and conforms to the Australian standards for council playgrounds.

It has been suggested by some that it is good for kids to get dirty sometimes, and to experience nature to help with exposure and immunity to the wide range of "bugs" that some "modern" kids and their parents avoid.

Island Dine-Out 2016#2 in April

The second Dine-Out for 2016 was again well attended with about 20 residents enjoying the food, surroundings and conversation at the Empire Bay Tavern.

Killcare Heights Garden Club

On of your Committee members is President of the Killcare Heights Garden Club and they need a few more people for their tour of Western Australia in September.

Several people on the Island are in the Garden Club and it would be nice if we could get a few local residents to come as we will probably know each other.

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Any information, articles or advertising copy can be forwarded to the Editor (Stephen Steele) at <u>islandnews@sthubertsisland.nsw.au</u> or 107 Helmsman Bvd. The Island News is produced 3 monthly and is delivered to all Island residents via their letterboxes a week or two before each Island General Meeting. Deadline will be TWO weeks before each General Meeting - see the newsletter for the date of the next meeting.

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Another Island (sort of) "Good News" story

The Island News received this letter from the daughter of a long term Island resident. We do like good news stories, unlike the daily newspapers, so here it is...

I'd like to extend my gratitude to Robert's neighbour JoAnne Edwards who has demonstrated a great deal of kindness and practical help towards my father and I over the past years.

JoAnne, you are a brightly shining star.

Also thanks to Cheryl for her moral support, offers of help and all her hard work at taming the unruly "hedge" between our properties.

My father seems happy in his new home at Opal Aged Care, Toukley.

He is living with advanced dementia but, fortunately, it has so far provided him with a fantasy world which he seems content to inhabit.

Regards to all his acquaintances on the Island.

Yours sincerely, Lynda Turner

Business & Professional Womens Association

The Business & Professional Womens Association meet at Gosford Golf Course on the second Monday of each month at 7 pm. Contact the Secretary, Cheryl Martin on 0402 207 009.



BPW Central Coast

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Monday 11th July 6 for 6.30pm

at Treetops Restaurant Avoca Beach Resort Hotel 360 Avoca Drive Avoca Beach

\$35 p.p. Traditional 3 roasts Christmas Dinner Plum Pudding and Pavlova Desserts

Raffles, Lucky Door Prize, Speaker, etc.

Contact: Cheryl Martin 0402 247 009 Secretary, Business & Professional Womens Association.

From the Editor...

There is a distinct Canal theme running in this edition. The new documentation for canal pontoon owners proved to be a major issue, there were seawall issues, and the new Council intended moving ahead quickly with the Canal maintenance plans!! Hopefully we get a large turnout at the General Meeting. Garbage again, but I am a recycler, so I'm encouraging others to do the same.

Any comments regarding the newsletter email me at <u>islandnews@sthubertsisland.nsw.au</u>.