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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

2016	Sunday December 4	Christmas Paddle Regatta	9 am (more info in this newsletter)
2016	Thursday December 8	Island General Meeting + XMAS Cheer	7.30 pm (more info in this newsletter)
2016	Friday December 23	Santa & Carols On The Water	5 pm (more info in this newsletter)
2017	Tuesdays/Thursdays in January	Round The Canals tours begin	Bookings essential at president@sthubertsisland.nsw.au (more info in this newsletter)
2017	Friday January 13	Sunset Sips #1	Poo Park 6.30 pm (more info in this newsletter)
2017	Friday January 20	Sunset Sips #2	Poo Park 6.30 pm (more info in this newsletter)
2017	Friday February 17	Island Dine-Out 2017#1	Daleys Kitchen 6.30 pm (more info in this newsletter)
2017	Thursday March 9	Island General & Annual General Meeting	The Cove Hall 7.30pm POSSIBLE DATE CHANGE
2017	Sunday March 19	St Patricks Day Celebration	86 Helmsman Bvd 11 am (Advance Notice)

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

DECEMBER GENERAL Meeting

GUEST SPEAKERS - (hopefully) GHD Consultants

COMPLETED St Huberts Island Canals "Plan Of Management"

At the time of going to press, it is very likely that GHD Consultants, appointed by the Central Coast Council to determine the processes of our canal maintenance, will have completed the Plan Of Management, discussed it with Council, and be in a position to present it to Island residents at this meeting.

Regardless, we will be spending time celebrating the rapidly approaching Christmas period with Christmas Cheer and Nibbles.

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

December GENERAL MEETING

All residents are invited to attend the meeting in The Cove Hall, Empire Bay Drive, Empire Bay on **Thursday December 8 at 7.30pm.**

GHD Consultants may be present to describe to residents the final Plan Of Management for the upcoming Canal maintenance.

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

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

From the SECRETARY

My continual call for your email address!

We always need more email addresses. Contact by letterbox leaflet, this Island News and the website are not immediate enough if we need to notify residents of new & important activities.

For example... this newsletter we are informing you about new social events, with the intention of more to come.

Find out about Sunset Sips elsewhere in this newsletter... OR BY EMAIL!

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A Word from the President!

As another year rushes towards a conclusion, this year has seen lots of activity on the Island. A large number of home sales have seen old friends depart but also provides the opportunity to meet new neighbours and make new friendships. We welcome all those that have decided to make St Huberts their home and look forward to meeting up with you at one of our regular meetings or social events.

There have been a number of major issues that we have confronted this year which are slowly drawing to a conclusion.

- The Plan of Management for our canals is being finalised as we go to print and we may even have the final draft from the consultants in time for our December 8th General Meeting. This of course does not mean that Council will be in a position to action the plan but it does give us some leverage to get some action happening.
- Pontoon Licensing renewals are also close to finalisation. Originally we were offered a 5 year renewal. Council, after representation was made to them, have now offered a 15 year licence and are currently investigating a 20 year proposal that we have asked for. At this stage we are awaiting the final outcome which has been delayed by personnel changes at CCC and whether the proposed documentation we have put forward is copyright protected.

The social activities provided by your committee during the year have all been well attended. We have paddled, dined and BBQed our way through the year and I encourage those that have not attended to come along and join in the fun. We do it for you at little or no cost where possible. If you have any ideas for additional social activities we are always open to suggestions.

Our new garden at the base of the bridge brings a fresh new look to welcome all to the Island and we thank Council for the work. Our website and Facebook pages continue to improve and provide more information for all of us.

We have some leftovers from the last BBQ so we have proposed a **Sunset Sips** activity during some January Friday nights. Come along and watch the sun go down and meet your neighbours and your committee members. Refer to the information in this newsletter for time and location.

**We wish you all a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!**
Cheers,
Rod and Kim

Report

Neighbourhood Watch

There were no crimes on the Island reported in August or September.
The following crimes were reported in October:-

Marina View Parade 1 Break & Enter, and 1 Stealing

With School Holidays coming up, be on the lookout for vandalism and graffiti activity.

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

Ring 000 for crimes in progress

Or... report all crimes to the Police Assistance Line **131 444** or Crime Stoppers **1800 333 000** if you wish to remain anonymous. If you prefer **internet** to phone, you can access www.police.nsw.gov.au, click on to the **NSW Police Force Community Portal** and complete a non-emergency **Online Police Reports**. The report will be passed on to police in the same way as phone reports to the Police Assistance Line.



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Event

St Huberts Island Christmas Paddle Regatta

Sunday 4th December at 9 am, Long Arm Reserve

The Association invites residents and their family and friends to join us in our second Christmas Paddle Regatta around St Huberts Island. It will be extra fun if you can wear a Christmas hat or decorations.

We meet at 9 am with our kayaks, canoes, paddle boards or rafts at Long Arm Reserve to paddle anti-clockwise around the Island, calling into each of our six canals where we'll stop at a welcoming host flying identifying bunting who have volunteered to provide refreshments and a short recuperation.

We finish about 11 am back at Long Arm Reserve for some bubbly and nibbles and a big welcome from your families and friends.

This is not a race, just an enjoyable morning of paddling with new and old friends, experienced or inexperienced, and the stopovers are meant to revitalise the less fit amongst us. It should all be good fun! All ages and pets can take part.

Please wear your life jackets, and no responsibility can be accepted by the Association.

We'd love to hear of anyone in the canals who would like to be a welcoming host with refreshments.

Please register your interest with Helene Cornwell at 4342 1251 or email helene.cornwell@optusnet.com.au with your contact details and whether you are paddling singly or with a friend.

New Event - Sunset Sips

Sunset Sips... and more

The Association is very eager to create more social activities for the benefit of all Islanders.

Our first new event is SUNSET SIPS.

We have a frozen stack of famous Edwards Butchery sausages and onions left over from the Family BBQ at Long Arm Reserve.

So... what better use for them than for all Islanders - big and small - to get together with a beverage or two, some nibbles, a sausage sammie, and watch the summer sun set over the beautiful Brisbane Water - and all during the School Holidays, and followed by a pleasant walk home.

So... on...

Friday 13 January 2017 at 6.30 pm (low tide) AND **Friday 20 January 2017** at 6.30 pm (half tide) at Marina View/Sewage Pump/Poo Park (your choice??).

Bring Your...

- Chair**
- Hat**
- Sunnies**
- Beverage**
- Nibbles**

- and enjoy a Residents Association sausage sizzle.

Keep an eye on the website/Facebook/your email (if we have it!!) for any weather changes.



Report

FISHO'S Corner

Outside, the "Peak" has been producing kingfish going to 1.2kg while morwong are being caught bottom bashing with half pilchards.

Heaps of Humpback whales around heading south - break out the heavy gear!

Sharks are on the prowl looking for a quick meal of salmon around Broken Bay and the beaches.

Inside, the Gosford waterfront has good bream and flathead taking both prawns and soft plastics during the incoming tide.

Blue swimmer crabs are plentiful in Brisbane Water. Jewies are being taken at the normal spots around the Rip Bridge and Umina Beach while some nice flathead are coming from Paddys channel area.

(See the crab bragging article elsewhere).

Just a reminder the Ettalong Hotel Fishing Club and the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Fishing Club always welcome new members/families. For further information please contact Ken or the Editor via the St Huberts Island website, or give me a buzz on 4342 3156 - but not during Call Centre hours!

Tight lines everyone! Ken

Report

Dine-Out 2016#4

This Dine-Out was held on 7th October. We had 50 people present and all went very well with lots of friendly socialising.

Sue's new & creative menu was much appreciated by everyone, and the lovely warm evening allowed many to eat at the tables outside and watch the sunset.

Next Dine-Out [2017#1] is Friday 17th February 2017 @ Daleys Kitchen with ANOTHER new menu.

(No photos were discovered for the night.)

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Report

More GARBAGE!! - Episode 3

What happens to the three bins of garbage?

[A great summary and expansion of what happens to your bin contents was created by Remondis (our Garbage contractors) in 2015. It is online at www.lcoast.com.au/SiteFiles/School_Information_Resource.pdf.]

You can check on what to put in your three bins at “Episode 2 - What goes in each bin?” in the June 2016 Island News on our website at sthubertisland.nsw.au/island-news/island-news-archive.

Firstly... Where to put your Bin

... to make life easier for you collector, and so it doesn't spill all over the place!

REMONDIS truck drivers are servicing over 280,000 wheelie bins each week across the Central Coast, with most drivers emptying over 1,000 bins on a daily basis.

The following steps should be followed when placing bins out for collection:

- Bins should be placed on the kerbside (not the gutter or road) the evening before your collection.
- Bins should be in clear view of the road with the handles facing away from the road.
- Leave a space of 50cm to 1 metre between the bins so that the collection trucks do not hit bins together and knock them over.
- Do not overfill your bins. The lid must close properly.
- Do not put extra bags or bundles near your bin as they cannot be collected.
- Ensure bins are clear of overhanging trees, mail boxes and parked vehicles.
- Ensure your bins are not too heavy (they must be less than 70kg to be collected).
- Bins are allocated to each property. If you move do not take the bins with you.



1. Your Yellow Bin - RECYCLING

Recycling our waste on the Central Coast is easy and has become a daily activity which has real benefits for the environment. When you recycle, you help save important natural resources like minerals, trees, water and oil. You also save energy, conserve landfill space, decrease greenhouse gas emissions and reduce pollution. Recycling closes the resources loop ensuring valuable resources are not land-filled. Instead they are put back to good use, making much less impact on our environment in the remanufacturing process the second time around.

Your yellow lid bin is for recycling only. This bin is collected fortnightly on the same day as your red lidded garbage bin, but on the alternate weeks to your garden vegetation bin.

Recycling Tips

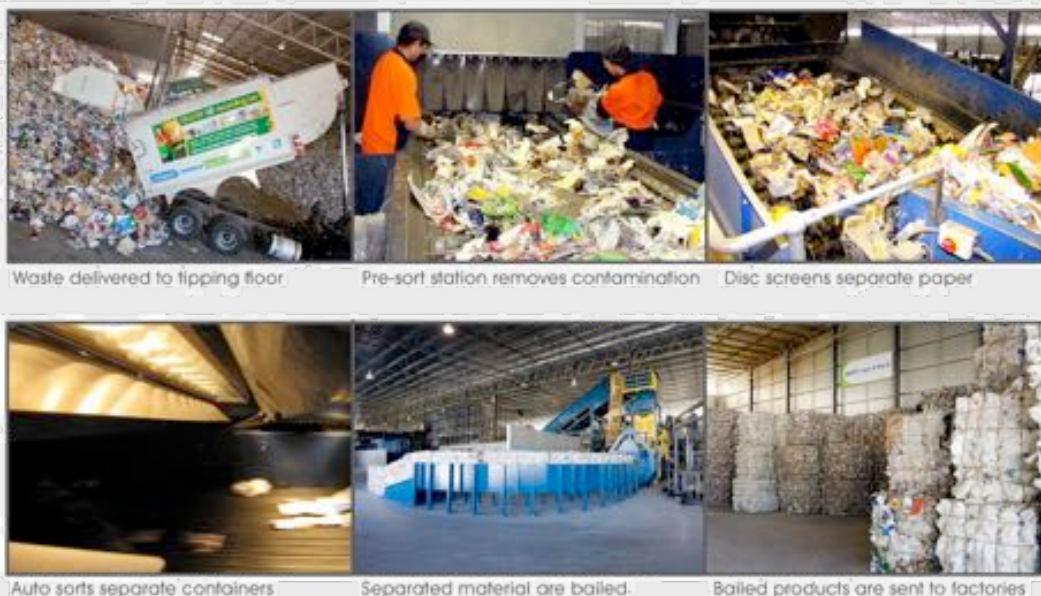
No plastic bags: Simply put your recyclable items loosely into the bin. Staff at the recycling centre **will not open plastic bags**, so anything placed in a plastic bag will end up in landfill.

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.

What happens to your recycling?

The contents of your recycling bin is delivered to the Somersby Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). The MRF is a large factory where household recyclables are sorted into individual commodity streams, such as paper, metals, plastic and glass using machinery. MRF employees (called Sorters) remove large pieces of contamination (such as plastic bags, clothing, dirty nappies and food waste) by hand. After recyclables have been sorted and bailed they are transported to reprocessing centres both within Australia and overseas, where they are manufactured into new goods.

The Material Recovery Facility (MRF) Process



2. Your Green Bin - GARDEN

Your green lid bin is for garden vegetation only. Recycling garden vegetation has real benefits for the environment, the most obvious being the landfill space saved.

YES contents are -

- Grass clippings and leaves
- Flowers and weeds
- Prunings, twigs and branches
- Untreated timber
- Plants and small shrubs

NO contents are -

- 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



Garden Vegetation Tips

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

Composting right: Make sure branches, prunings and twigs including palm fronds are cut to a length that enables the lid of the bin to close.

What happens to your garden vegetation?

Your garden vegetation bin contents are delivered to a commercial composting facility operated on behalf of the Council by Australian Native Landscapes at Buttonderry Waste Management Facility and Woy Woy Landfill. A number of products are produced at the facilities, including mulches, organic fertilisers, landscape soils, potting mixes and top dressing, which are sold to various landscaping industries.

Garden Vegetation Process



3. Your Red Bin - GENERAL WASTE

General waste bin contents are taken directly to the landfill sites at Buttonderry Waste Management Facility and Woy Woy Landfill. Here, the rubbish is tipped onto the site and managed through the landfill operations. The items that are taken to the landfill will stay there forever; there is no further sorting of these items. Buttonderry landfill has a larger physical capacity to accept waste and, based on current filling rates, Buttonderry is likely to still be in operation after Woy Woy landfill reaches its full design capacity (potentially in 2032). See more about Buttonderry at <https://www.wyong.nsw.gov.au/buttonderry>

General Waste Tips

Try the following tips to ensure an odour free bin:

- Use bin liners to contain your rubbish before placing it in the general waste bin and make sure you tie them up.
- Freeze waste foods such as meat, fish and prawn shells and place them in the bin the night before collection. This will help slow down the bacteria that break food down causing it to smell.
- Try using deodorised biodegradable nappy bags for the effective disposal of nappies.
- Ensure your bin is not overfull and that the lid is properly closed.
- If possible keep your bin in a cool shady place and under cover when raining.

General Waste Process



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Meet My Neighbour - STAN DONNELLAN (PART 2)

The first instalment of this fascinating story can be found in the March 2016 "The Island News" at sthubertsisland.nsw.au/island-news/island-news-archive/.



Stan aged 22

On 11 July 2016 after an afternoon tea on St Huberts Island, Francesco Bertelli flew back home to Italy.

There is a long and memorable history that culminated in this return to his homeland. Francesco is the great-grandson of Angiolino Bertelli, an Italian farmer who during WWII, helped rescue then hide now Island resident Stan Donnellan after he crashed his Spitfire near Empoli in June 1944.

Much happened in Italy as well as St Huberts Island around Francesco's visit. Prior to his visit to Australia, an Italian author, Marzio Volpi, released "*The Parchment and Other Stories*" about the Italian Resistance around Florence, and Stan features in it. Following the release, there was a book presentation dedicated to Stan and Margaret (aka Bluey and better half Peggie).

Francesco presented this book to Stan, which obviously was in Italian. Stan's grand-daughter, Alley Casey, was given the role of translating the book for her grandad, but this has proved a difficult job, although one she will definitely persist with.



Francesco with father Claudio at the book launch in Italy

On the morning Francesco left for home, this editor had morning tea with the mob - Stan, Peggie, Francesco, Patrick, Angela and Ally, to find out the latest. Francesco arrived in Australia on 29 June and stayed on the Coast for a whirlwind 13 days of sightseeing on boat and land, family visits, talkfests and wearing his inseparable new Akubra hat. Stan's son, Patrick was the main tour guide and driver with Stan's daughter Angela the back-up, and maybe Alley as tour advisor.



Francesco... and the Akubra

Much has been written locally about this accidental and fascinating story, and can be found in the [24 June 2016 Express Advocate](http://www.express-advocate.com.au) online and at [News Local](http://www.newslocal.com.au) online... or for convenience, PDF versions of these stories are on the Association's website at sthubertsisland.nsw.au/data/documents/Donnellan-Express-AdvocateWEBSITE.pdf and sthubertsisland.nsw.au/data/documents/Donnellan-News-Local.pdf.

An RAAF reporter/historian from the Canberra War Memorial has also made contact with Alley regarding doing an article on Stan and Francesco's story and reunion.

Since his arrival back home, Francesco has emailed Stan's family. He has settled into finishing his degree, treasured his time with the family and loved being out in the boat. Stan gave Francesco a painting of the farmhouse where they hid that was painted by Stan's cousin from a photograph. This cousin's son lives in Switzerland and he has since driven down to Florence to meet Francesco, where the visit went really well.

So the family contact continues.

Stan and his family still think it is amazing how things turned out after one small article in a newspaper - Stan and Peggie's 70th Wedding Anniversary last year.



The Editor, Peggie, Stan, and Francesco about to head to Kingsford Smith

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Event - New to the Island**"Round The Canals" boat tour**

Island residents Rod and Virginia Wenzel have very generously made available for ALL Island residents, the chance to see our Island from the canals.

We've all seen the Island from the road, but few have done this from the water side.

The first tour has recently occurred - 14 ladies attended and all enjoyed the 2 hour cruise, and from the noise and empty bottles that were heard and seen, a good time was had by all.

The tour raised \$140.00, half of which has been donated to the Peninsula Women's Health Centre and half to the Island Association.

DETAILS:

- The tour must be booked through the Association President - Rod Blake at president@sthubertsisland.nsw.au.
- It is for Island residents only.
- Tours begin in earnest from mid-January onwards.
- It will only be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and NO weekends.
- The cruise is 2 hours in length, and visits all six canals.
- A minimum of 10 people on the tour.
- Cost is \$10 per head with half to the Peninsula Women's Health Centre and half to the St Huberts Island Residents Association.
- Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

The Association's Committee thanks Rod for his generosity which will enable us to provide more social activities for the Island's residents.

**Brag****Crabs!**

- We live on an Island.
- We are surrounded by water.
- Lots of fish and other creatures are there.
- Fisherpeople catch fish and other creatures.
- Fisherpeople love to brag!!!
- **WHERE ARE YOU???**

Bruce Halliday and Martin Wellington of the "Boyd Close Fishing Club" have caught

14 crabs.

They will be consumed by the East Gosford Probus Club members at the President's home Gourmet Sausage Sizzle on 17 November.

**Santa on the Water**

Rod and Virginia Wenzel will do "Santa On The Water" again this Christmas.

On Friday 23 December at about 5pm they will motor around St Huberts Island with Santa and the Brisbane Water Brass Band playing and caroling on board his vessel "Doctors Orders" to celebrate Christmas. Doctors Orders will travel clockwise from Marina Cove and enter all canals, finishing at Sandy Cove/Sandy Inlet then returning the same way.

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Report**New Entrance Palms have arrived.****We now have six Kentia Palms.**

The morning of Tuesday 1 November took a sudden u-turn for the Editor. An unexpected, unsolicited phone call was received from another Committee member. He was on grandfather driving duty, and on returning to the Island discovered a CCC truck and backhoe finally planting our new Entry palm trees. So like a true news-hack (which I am far from), I grabbed my trusty camera and bolted up to the bridge for photos and an interview.

While mulch has been placed in the extended garden bed initially, the CCC gardeners are looking to place a new ground cover there - several options including pigface were mentioned. There is also a possibility the palms may be staked if needed at a later date. It appears contractors were used in the past to look after our Fan Palms, but we have been told the CCC will probably take over maintenance and care of the new entry gardens. The leading hand gardner I spoke to seem to be very positive in creating and maintaining a healthy, good-looking garden there.

**Our Palms on the truck**

You've all seen the new palms now, but included here are some of the clearing and planting photos.

By way of a little history (and to pad-out this article!), the original Chinese Fan Palms were never suitable for the entry area climate, but were free, very mature and spectacular... and we all hoped they would take and thrive, which they very slowly didn't.

The Committee bounced around ideas on what to replace them with, considering various other palms and natives. Maintenance was one of the major considerations in the replacement choice, as was dropping leaves/branches and overhanging vegetation onto the roadway.



Kentia Palms came very recommended as successful growers on the Island, CCC could source them for a very good price (free) and they could get them into the ground sooner. As they grow more, one of the "trunks" will become dominant and CCC will trim off the others resulting in taller Kentia Palms.

So... once again we thank CCC and their crews for their considerable efforts at the St Huberts Island entry.



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Report**St Huberts Day Family BBQ**

The second Family BBQ Extravaganza was successfully held on Sunday 6 November at Long Arm Reserve. A family extravaganza... because we again had a loo (just, after being let down at the last minute), face-painting and a magic show for the kids. Unfortunately we couldn't get our entertainers from last year but next year we will rectify this.

A very rough head-count had over 100 people and kidlets attending, and this year there were adequate food supplies, with fizzy drinks for sale for those drinkers.



Many raffles prizes were drawn and won, while the **VERY COVETED** St Huberts Island Quiz Plaque was won by Marina View resident Mick Beaini. "Lucky" Mick gets to create the 10 quiz questions for next year's BBQ.

The day was warm, sunny, and we again scored the low tide so, despite the water temperature, intrepid wadders and swimmers made use of the sand and shallow water.

The only problem was the wind... swinging around between NW to SW, strongish and with a bit of a bite to it. The various gazebos needed to be anchored very well!

**Welcome New Neighbours**

... and farewell to departing friends

The Association welcomes all new residents to our relaxing and peaceful Island.

We encourage all Islanders to make our new neighbours welcome.

5 Barracouta
42 Beachfront
35 Cuttlefish
5 Discovery
11 Helmsman
21 Helmsman
62 Helmsman
67 Helmsman
71 Helmsman
121 Helmsman
7 Heron
13 Mainsail
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TidBits...

* Please... Walkers...

Maybe not so much during the Daylight Savings months, but would walkers please wear light coloured clothing.

Even the most vigilant driver at night on the Island can miss darkly clothed pedestrians. And if you are on the wrong side of the road and/or out on the roadway to get around parked vehicles, there could be tragedy. Also, how about we practise the age-old pedestrian rule - **walk on the side of approaching traffic** so you see them as well!

* Our Big Vacuum Cleaner

We all know there is a vacuum truck that visits the Island regularly to clean our gutters. Now... we all know that it only visits just before our Council rates are due?!?! - don't we? Well, guess what? It actually comes to the Island **EVERY FRIDAY!**



And since I discovered this, it does visit on Fridays - unless the driver is sick, on leave etc, or the truck in for maintenance.

So... now we know this, if you want your gutters cleaned properly, try to remember to clear the roadway so he can do a thorough job out the front of your place.

* Welcome Pack

For some time now, the Association has been planning to create a "Welcome Pack" to present to new Island residents. We have almost got our act together. It will consist of all sorts of information for newbies such as bus timetables, vet addresses, restaurants, vouchers for coffee etc, the current Island News, membership application (of course!), licensed clubs etc etc etc. If this sounds good and you want one, you will need to buy a house on the Island.

* Social Tennis

Anyone for tennis on Monday afternoons 4-6 pm at Empire Bay Tennis Courts? Good standard of play and dinner get-togethers occur every quarter. And... new resident Vic Deeble has joined. Please contact Helene Cornwell on 4342 1251.

* Muscle & Classic Cars??

All Islanders know there are a few "muscle" and "classic" cars this side of the Island bridge. There is a classic car "on the Island Committee", and he and his better half may be at Morisset on Sunday 29 January 2017.

Morisset Mega Muscle & Classic Car Show

Sunday 29th January 2017
At Bay Hotel 330 Fishery Pt Rd Bonnells Bay
Free Public Admission!

BBQ Available on the Day—Heaps of Stalls—
Food & Drink Available all day

All Car Entry proceeds are donated to C.Cancer supporting Kids Cancer!

All Enquiries & Bookings call Scott 0412 396 577

A Fun Day out for the Whole Family!

* In the Local Newspapers

Bore and spearpoint fee confusion - WaterNSW denies surveillance operation but since 2012 new bores need approval + application fee.

Test Case? Possible 30 to 40 kph on the Bays area streets - unanimous Community General Meeting request.

Coastal Management Plan - responses close 23 December, community meeting at Erina 9 December. Pat Aiken/Coastal Residents Association not happy.

Wet weather 60 kph speed limit on Woy Woy Road - starts 6 December 2016.

Umina Westpac to close - on 9 December.

"Duck Wars" restart in Attunga - for and against in the Peninsula News.

State Government abandons Rawson Road level crossing replacement - now will cost too much.

* Speed on the Island

Thanks to a majority of Island residents - overall speed on the Island appears to have dropped, even the buses.

It's a shame that it is highway patrol radar, and huge speed signs that lead to this rather than simple SAFETY of pedestrians and drivers.

Some residents, tradies and TEXTING DRIVERS are still not contributing to our community.

* Killcare Heights Garden Club

Islanders are welcome at our Garden Club which meets every second Monday of the month at 10.30am either at Wagstaffe Hall or various locations that we visit. Many members come from St Huberts Island.

We enjoy visiting open gardens, talks on all aspects of gardening and related topics, visits to sites on the Central Coast that may be of interest and coach trips further afield as well as an away trip for 2/3 days once a year.

We are a friendly and sociable club and welcome new visitors.

Subscriptions are \$15 p.a.

Please contact our Secretary, Cheryl Martin, on 0402 247 009 or email cherylmartin@optusnet.com.au

* Women of the Year Awards 2017 - BPA Australia

There are many business women residing on the Island. Chris Levis is the President of the Central Coast chapter of BPW Australia (Business & Professional Women), and they have a very active and rewarding professional and social calendar as their webpage attests to. Arguably their most important annual event is the BPW Central Coast - Women of the Year Awards 2017 to be held at Mingara on Saturday 25 February @ 6.30 pm. Liesl Tesch will be the Keynote Speaker, combined with entertainment, dinner and dancing.

The attached flyer may be a little too small, so email bpwcentralcoast@hotmail.com or visit their website at bpw.com.au/event-2300775.

BPW Central Coast

Woman of the Year Awards 2017

Where? Mingara Tumbl Umbi

When? Saturday, 25th February 2017

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From the Editor...

Apology for the Poo Park... but I do like alliteration! Finally got the "final chapter" of Stan Donnellan's wonderful story, and really looking forward to our new Sunset Sips - the first of more coming social activities on the Island. See you on the Canal Cruise and maybe keep the dead of Winter free for another event! And for heavens sake... will someone knock Martin Wellington off his Bragging Throne.

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

Steve