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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

2017 Thursday March 2 The Cove Hall Saturday March 4 The Hive. Erina Sunday March 12 86 Helmsman Bvd Monday March 13 Mercator Pde Saturday May 6 86 Helmsman Bvd Thursday June 8 The Cove Hall Sunday July 30

Norah Head Lighthouse Friday May 19 Daleys Kitchen

Regatta

Central Coast Womens Expo

Island GENERAL & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTE DATE CHANGE

Open Garden Day - Killcare Heights Garden Club

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St Patricks Day Celebration - SEE BELOW

Island Big Cuppa - Biggest Morning Tea

Lighthouse 2 Skillion Coast Walk

NOTE DATE CHANGE see here -->

Report

Notice

March GENERAL and ANNUAL GENERAL **MEETING**

7.30pm Thursday 2 March 2017 The Cove Hall, Empire Bay

As this is also an Annual General Meeting, ALL positions in the Committee will be declared vacant, and a new Committee voted in by the AGM.

A Nomination Form can be found on Page 3 of this newsletter.

All residents are invited to this meeting and open forum of all matters of interest to Island residents.

A small plate of food would be appreciated to complement the supplied refreshments after the meeting.

GHD Consultants MIGHT be present to present the "final" Canal POM.

[see INSIDE] 9.30 - 11am Island Dine-Out 2017#2 6.30 pm [More information coming]

This fundraiser is to be held on Sunday 12th March @ 86 Helmsman Bvd St Huberts Island... Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service In conjunction with the



... FROM 11am TILL LATE Guiness on Tap

St Huberts Island Residents Association.



Raffles



Major Raffle Prize - Anderson's 1 Day BBQ Boat hire



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- Ettalong War Memorial Fishing Club
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From the SECRETARY

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approaching - for convenience, get a 4 year membership for \$20.

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A (long) Word from the President!

Welcome to 2017!!

How quickly we have already moved into the 2nd month of the year. Summer has been a great time to enjoy the Island life with super hot days allowing many of us to enjoy the fabulous waterways that we are surrounded by.

To all our new residents we wish you a warm welcome. We like to think that we are a pretty cool group that love to socialise and enjoy a great life here on the coast. Please join in on the many social events that are on offer throughout the year.

We did get to enjoy one Sunset Sips in mid-January with a free sausage sizzle and about 50 attendees braving a hot afternoon. Unfortunately the second event that was to be held at Solstice Reserve was cancelled with a summer storm interrupting our plans. We will get back to Solstice later in the year for the residents in that area.

Summer has also seen the popularity of our bridge sky rocket with at different times scores of young people doing the jump and spilling onto the roadway. In late January a 17 year old fractured a vertebrae in a poorly executed jump that almost left him a paraplegic. Doctors were amazed that his spinal cord was not severed because of the way the vertebrae splintered. To make matters worse his mates moved him into their ute and drove him to hospital! Police have been called a number of times and cleared the bridge, however the next day is the same. I have written to lan Reynolds/ Rob Noble at Council trying to arrange a meeting to determine what else can be done to discourage further jumps. Unfortunately we have not received a response at time of going to print.

We have also had the Highway Patrol on the Island booking speeding cars. We have so many walkers and lots of children now living here. Why is it so hard to obey the speed limit? Have you checked your speed? It does not take that long to get to Maitland Bay Drive so slow down!! We have also approached Council to try and get the intersection at the roundabout cleaned out of the trees and shrubs that block the sight lines. Still waiting!

We have also had Council working on the tree root affected sections of the roads on the Island. While this has been well executed the gutters that have been uplifted still pose a hazard. So be careful!

For most of this past year we have been working on 2 major issues with Council.

1. Pontoon licensing

Pontoons inside the canals are subject to licence agreements with initially Gosford Council and now Central Coast Council trying to issue a new licence agreement with some significant changes to that used previously.

No consultation was held with either the residents affected or SHIRA, which lead to a group of residents affected by the changes forming a fighting group and hiring a lawyer specialising in RMS and Crown Land licences. As of last week we appear to be closing in on the final agreement with CCC which will see licences extended from 5 year to at least 15 and possibly 20 year terms. This will be a great outcome for all pontoon owners as existing licence holders will be granted the extended term when their licences come up for renewal.

2. Plan of Management for the Canals

For in excess of 20 years SHIRA groups have been fighting councils to establish a POM for St Huberts canals. Last year council appointed a consultancy group to prepare same with input from residents. Their report and recommendations are due to be handed down within weeks, in fact at our March 2nd meeting we MAY have the GHD group and Council officers along to release the recommendations. Please watch the website or Facebook page prior to our meeting to see if this will happen.

As mentioned above, the Annual General meeting will be held at The Cove Hall on March 2 commencing at 7:30 pm.

All positions on the SHIRA (St Huberts Island Residents Association) committee will be declared vacant and new elections will be held on the night. If you wish to become involved come along and raise your hand. New ideas are always welcomed as to how we can improve or progress your Association. To be considered for election you must be a financial member of SHIRA. While the positions are voluntary (only the President gets paid the big bucks!!), we do generally meet once a month and enjoy a drink or seven and a nibble or two. The cost to join SHIRA is just \$20.00 for 4 years and you can join or renew membership on the night.

We are all here to help you, the residents. Please add our website, www.sthubertsisland.nsw.au to your favourites and like our Facebook page. This will allow you to view any important changes or messages that may be released between meetings or newsletters. We also ask that you support our advertisers wherever possible as these guys help keep our programs going.

Finally I would like to thank the committee members for all their help over the last year and for the support offered to us all by you folks. If you have any questions, ideas or thoughts feel free to contact either myself directly or through our social media sites.

Cheers

Rod Blake

president@sthubertsisland.nsw.au

Report

Neighbourhood Watch

The following crimes were reported in November, December and January:-

November 2016 Beachfront Parade 1 malicious damage Discovery Street 1 stealing

December 2016 Nil

January 2017 Beachfront Parade 1 stealing

Discovery Street 1 malicious damage

Long Arm Parade 1 assault
Mainsail Avenue 1 stealing
Skiff Place 1 assault



NOTE: Stealing occurs from unlocked premises or yards. This can be avoided by locking up and not leaving valuable items outside.

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 <u>www.police.nsw.gov.au</u>, 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.

NOTIFICATION



The Biggest Morning Tea



Australia's **Biggest** Morning Tea

Report

FISHO'S Corner

MARCH 2017

Outside anglers are getting mixed bags with marlin cruising wider out.

Water temperature is still running at 23-24 degrees.

Mixed bags are being taken on the drift off Box Head, Lion Island, Pittwater and off Bird Island and Norah Head.

The odd kingfish is also being taken off Barranjoey Points.

Inside, jewies are being caught at Daleys Point, The Rip Bridge and at the Spike Milligan Bridge.

Empire Bay at night up near the old church is producing some good bream while Woy Woy channel is proving a hot spot for flathead by day and good bream at night.

Paddys Channel is also producing good catches.

Just a reminder, the Ettalona Hotel Fishing Club and the Ettalong Beach War



Memorial Fishing Club always welcome new members and families. For further information please contact Ken or the Editor via the St Huberts Island website or see any of the fishos at the next General Meeting of the Association.

Tight lines everyone! Ken



The Island's Big Cuppa in aid of CANCER RESEARCH Saturday 6 May 2017

9.30 am till 11.00 am

@ 86 Helmsman Bvd

The St Huberts Island Residents Association Inc in conjunction with Raine & Horne Real Estate are proud to conduct this fundraiser at the residence of Marilyn & Neville Smith. Come on down and have a cuppa to support the Cancer Council of New South Wales.



Cost of a cuppa is a GOLD COIN DONATION.

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Bumper fundraising RAFFLE on the day.

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Report

THE NEW & IMPROVED Island Cruises



Big Rod and Doctors Orders are once again offering their services to Island residents in 2017. There are now 2 cruise options available:

★Option 1

A 4 hour cruise which includes visits into all the Island canals and around various parts of surrounding Brisbane Water, Rod now has a Party Box onboard with heaps of music and there is plenty of time to enjoy a few nibbles and drinks or lunch (you to supply). Cruises normally leave around 11am and you need approximately 10 people to organise a trip. If you have a special birthday or event to organise, this is a fabulous opportunity to arrange a cruise.

If you have visitors or friends coming for a visit, book now and see the Island sites or gather a bunch of neighbours together for a luncheon cruise. Cost is \$25.00 per head, with proceeds being shared with Peninsular Women's Centre and your Residents Association.

★Option 2

All of the above plus entertainment supplied by yet another Rod -"Rod Stewart".

Want a fantastic day out with the girls?

Have you got a group of serious party goers?

Then this is the cruise for you!

4 hours of non-stop entertainment by a very professional artist.

Cost is \$55.00 per head.

When you have organised your function, just contact Big Rod Wenzel on 0418 294 956.



Annual General Meeting 2017 Nominations for the election of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee members

Nomination of Committee members to the new Committee

•	Person Proposed:	For Position:
•	Nomination by (two members of the Association):	
	(nominator name)	(nominator signature)
	(nominator name)	(nominator signature)
	Consent of the candidate:	

Deliver or scan/email to the Secretary before the day of the AGM at -

* 1/29 Marina View Parade, St Huberts Island OR * secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au

(candidate signature)

NOTE: Nominees and Nominators MUST be paid-up members of the Association

FOR YOUR HEALTH

The Lighthouse2Skillion Coast Walk

It's time to start getting your body ready for some exercise You have about 155 days to prepare, aiming for 30 July 2017 Registration has already opened - on 1 November 2016

Last year, five Island residents participated in this fund-raising walk.

It might have flown under the radar last year... but this year The Island News is featuring this walk NOW, giving all interested participants the lead time to get your body and your act together for this beautiful 27.5 km coastal walk from Norah Head Lighthouse to the Terrigal Skillion.

Some History

In late 2015, a group of friends thought it would be worthy to walk the 27.5 km between Norah Head Lighthouse and The Skillion at Terrigal. They estimated that maybe 50 - 100 friends would join them on this fun, social and unofficial walk in Winter when the beaches will be less crowded and on a day when the tides will be kind.

After posting it on Facebook, in less than two weeks over 500 people said they were going, more than 1700 were interested, and another 1000 were invited by those who were either going or interested.

Thus, due to overwhelming interest the Lighthouse 2 Skillion Coast Walk was born.

With in excess of 2000 walking down the beaches, rocks, roads and bush tracks, the friends behind the concept decided to take it to the next level, and being members of local surf clubs they decided to run it officially as a fundraiser for all the surf clubs they would pass by as well as other charities.

On 31 July 2016 more than 2000 people did the first L2S gorgeous yet gruelling challenge.



The 2017 Lighthouse2Skillion Coast Walk

... is back on 30th July 2017, raising money not only for Surf Life Saving Central Coast and the surf clubs they will be passing on the way but also the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service and Coast Shelter.

This year - a Half Walk too

To encourage more people to be part of it, in 2017 there will be a 'Half Walk' with a start line at Memorial Park, The Entrance. This shortened version of the L2S Walk will still cover 16 km of coastline, but will obviously not include the 8 km of sandy goodness from Soldiers Beach to North Entrance Surf Club.

We know that most people will want to challenge themselves with the full 27.5 km distance between the Central Coast's two most beloved landmarks, but we also know that there are possibly hundreds of people who would like to support our event but simply could not take on the full distance. This is for those people.

Your entry fee will also get you -

- Lighthouse2Skillion Coast Walk t-shirt
- Race number bib
- Water refills at surf clubs along the walk
- Free photos
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- Finisher's Medal (Full L2S Walk) or Dog Tag (Half L2S Walk)
- Whales/dolphins to watch (*not guaranteed)
- Sand in your shoes (*guaranteed)

If you were one of the pioneers who took part in the first one, come and be a part of it again. If you're a first timer, come and challenge yourself to something new that everyone who took part in 2016 raved about.

Registration opened 01 NOV 16, and as long as you keep the sea on your left, you'll be right!

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St Huberts Island Christmas Paddle Regatta

Sunday 4 December saw the first "official" St Huberts Island Christmas Paddle Regatta, with most of the paddlers getting into the swing of Christmas by wearing Santa hats.

About 25 people partook of the regatta. The weather was sunny, no wind, and an excellent day for a relaxing paddle around the Island and its the canals. Good fun was had by all, and the bubbly and nibbles at the finish in

the Long Arm park were very well received by paddlers and well wishers alike!

Where possible rest and replenishment stops were made in each canal. One such stop was Ross and Margaret Henderson's Shelter Cove "watermelon stop" [pictured].









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The very first Sunset Sips...

Friday the 13th (eeekk!) of January 2017 at "Pump Park" (amongst other possible names) was the location of the very first of the Island Association's new social activities - a drink, barbie and chat while the sun set over a beautifully daylight savings lit western shore of Brisbane Water.





This first Sunset Sips was a hit, with about 50 people from the full range of ages dropping in and out as the evening progressed.

The start time was 6.30 pm, but people turned up from 6, and I do believe the last residents left at about 2 am the next morning!!

Weather was "random" as per the summer season we have been experiencing. We were protected from the early stiff sea-breeze, and less protected when the wind changed to a brisk southerly mid-evening.

Other than the wind blowing the table-cloths off the condiments table, everyone had a wonderful time.



Unfortunately the second planned Sunset Sips a week later had to be cancelled due to the forecast and the weather a few hours before the event. Notifications went out by email (do we have yours?!), website and Facebook. Needless to say the weather improved after cancellation and the event could have been held.

We humans always wish for hindsight.

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First ISLAND DINE-OUT of 2017 2017#1

After a severe electrical storm and a blackout before the start time, the first Dine-Out for 2017 kicked-off successfully on Friday evening 17 February.

More than 50 residents and friends turned up to another excellent spread from our host at Daleys Kitchen - resident Sue Parson. Sue loves trying out her new menu items on the Association, and we benefit every time. Our tastebuds were titillated by a trio of dips, marinated and spiced chicken skewers, homemade meat balls in a delightful rich sauce, and stuffed and grilled Brisbane Water mushrooms followed by a delectable choice of deserts. This correspondent had smooth, creamy cheesecake and sampled a rum&raisin gelato - both mouthwatering. The gastronomical component of the evening was finished off with a delightful large flat white coffee - like most Australians, we consider ourselves connoisseurs of the espresso coffee, and Daleys Kitchen was one of the best I've had!

The two groups who chose to sit out on the west facing terrace were entertained by Mother Nature - she put on a multi-sensory display of thunder, lightening and the occasional passing torrential downpour.

All-in-all, an excellent evening for those who attended, and with possible rotating seating next Dine-Out.





Fisho's Brag

Monster Jewfish @ The Bridge

The editor received this brag on 28 November, just as the December edition of The Island News was being put to bed. It's a little late but a pretty good brag.

CAN YOU OUTDO IT!!!!!



On the Friday that just passed (25th November) I came up from Sydney to stay at my late grandmother's place on St Huberts Island. That night I was flicking some soft plastics around the bridge to the island and I managed to catch a pretty good Jewfish.

I was fishing around the bridge mainly going for some big flatties which I had previous success with a couple of weeks before. At that time I managed to hook 8 flatties ranging in size from 52cm - 64cm in one night.

The tackle I used to catch the Jewfish was 6 lb braid tied to a 10 lb fluorocarbon leader all combined on a 1-3 kg rod from Shimano.

I started off by just bouncing a 5 inch "Gulp! Jerk Shad" in sardine colour along the bottom with a couple of big lifts of the rod tip, however to no avail. So I started doing quick short jerks with very little winding of the reel, and straight away... success.

For all the fishos on the island, Michael Pavlovic

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Doctors Orders Island Cruises

"Rod Stewart" has arrived...

As a resident of Marina Cove, this Editor has seen many a "Round the Canals" group pass by as Rod and Virginia Wenzel's catamaran - Doctors Orders - has "chucked-a-U-turn" in front of me as Captain Rod manoeuvres back to the cruise terminal.

The cruises continue to be popular, with the Peninsula Womens Health Centre and Island Association benefiting from Rod and Virginia's donations.

About a month ago a friend of Rod and Virginia's arrived just before a planned cruise. This friend does Rod Stewart tribute entertainment, so he was inroduced into the departing cruise.

The following story from the cruise group shows how well he was received...

A group of "girls" got together for a 1983-1985 Teachers College reunion. The celebrations commenced at Sue's home in Mainsail Ave, where ten friends assembled beforehand to view a DVD, old photos, a Powerpoint presentation and wallow (?) in 80's music.

Champagne flowed and there were laughs and amazement at the changes from the college days. It didn't seem so long ago, but the changes were amazing! There were no mobile phones or computers; assignments were still hand written and submitted by posting the completed assignments into large assignment post boxes at the college. The fashions, the big hair styles and the old cars in the college carpark were great to see. There were photos of the group performing musicals at schools, teaching with the old chalk blackboards, field trips to Byron Bay etc, college muck up day and of course graduation photos.





Eight of the college ladies had travelled from places ranging from Queensland to Wollongong to attend, and two island neighbours, Lindy and Jeanette from Cuttlefish Parade also happily joined the celebrations.

At 11 am, the party moved to Rod and Virginia's home, and the girls boarded Doctors Orders. Rod had a special surprise, he had organised a real live Rod Stewart performance on board Doctors Orders.

WOW! The celebrations shifted a gear as Rod Stewart started 'rockin' the St Hubert Island canals, with the girls singing in unison to "Do Ya Think I'm Sexy', "Hot Legs", "Sailing", and the party sailed on!!!... A big thank you to Rod and Virginia for making a very special reunion and great memories to be cherished by all!

And a big thank you to Rod Stewart as well!



Jude's Island Beauty

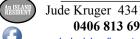
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OPEN GARDENS DAY on St Huberts



Killcare Heights Garden Club will be visiting St Huberts Island on Monday 13th March for an Open Gardens Day.

This is being arranged by the new President of the Garden Club, Helene Cornwell, who will have morning tea for the members at her home in Mercator Parade before the visits begin.

Afterwards, members will visit 5 gardens being opened by club members who live on the Island.

Afterwards they will picnic in Long Arm Parade Reserve.

They will learn a little of the history of Governor Phillip's boat party exploring the Hawkesbury and the "mysterious" inlet at Ettalong.

They rowed through The Rip into Brisbane Water where they camped the night on St Huberts Island at Long Arm Reserve. The memorial obelisk



there has quotes from their journal and what they found.

More history information can be found on the Island's website at sthubertsisland.nsw.au/history.



See more about the Killcare Heights Garden Club in the **TIDBITS** section at the end of this newsletter, including contact information.



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.

14 Helmsman

34 Helmsman

43 Marina View

21 Mercator

27 Nautilus

[House sales December 2016 to 14 February 2017]

Notification

#MakeltHappen17

Central Coast International Womens Expo Saturday 4 March 2017 - The Hive, Erina Fair

As a family friendly event, everyone is invited to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements women on the Central Coast are making towards women's issues at local, national and international levels.

The Expo will be run market style with over 50 stalls showcasing local organisations and their activities, and with a series of presentations and performances on the main stage.

Amongst the line-up of entertainment will be the amazing "The Singing Hands Choir" and talented "Coastal a Cappella".

Join ABC Central Coast's Caroline Perryman in 'The Conversation' and be inspired as panellists from across the Central Coast community share their experiences and taking action to help women advance and unleash their potential.

The WOW Wisdom Circle will host sessions for women to share information, tell stories and improve understanding on topics of particular interest to women. #Be Bold for Change

Contact the CCiwdCC Project Manager, Jill Godwin at <u>jillgodwin16@gmail.com</u> or generally at <u>CCiwdEXPO@gmail.com</u>



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TidBits...



St Huberts Island represented on the L2S Coast Walk

Five Island Residents completed the 27 km walk in 2016 - Baden Allen, Tiarne Allen, Kim Blake, Rod Blake and Graeme Allen. See the main article in this newsletter.



COMPRESSED NEWS In the Local Newspapers

Still life in the Rawson Rd level crossing? Problem with CCC, RMS and TransportNSW is they are local roads - with a lotss of traffic!! Bays Community Group problems The very active community group need a President and Committee members after resignations. Empire Bay Home Grown Produce Swap network created Currently 73 members ranging from Umina to Kincumber. Central Coast Water Rate iPART review shelved for 12 months (PHEW!) Those of you who follow all the iPART decisions will breathe a sigh of relief. They are ruthless in applying basic nuts-and-bolts/dollars-and-cents to any pricing decision, and seem to disregard any other considerations.

Plan Of Management for dredging Brisbane Water channel CCC and NSW Government may use the "Wyong Council" dredge living at The Entrance. Hope they do it right this time!!!

NSWMaritime (RMS) have changed channels, markers and speeds in Brisbane Water Our very helpful Mark Raward of RMS has indicated a considerable number of changes at the start of 2017. Keep your eyes open, and don't speed!

The need to investigate best solar power deals Those of us with PV panels on our roof need to check out the Federal Government websites for deals - energymadeeasy.gov.au and energyrating.gov.au/calculator.

SOURCES

Central Coast Community News http://coastcommunitynews.com.au Peninsula News -

http://www.peninsulanews.asn.au Central Coast Express Advocate http://www.peninsulanews.asn.au

Killcare Heights Garden

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, or President Helene Cornwell on 4342 1251 or

helene.cornwell@optusnet.com.au.

Boat stolen from Mainsail

The Neighbourhood Watch report in this edition refers to a Stealing at Mainsail. Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators do not receive a breakdown of "stealings". This particular stealing was of a tinny and motor.

Beware of the common story here.

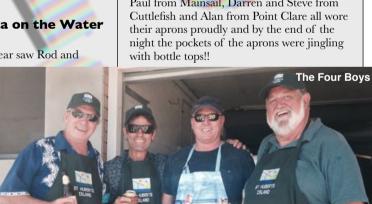
The tinny was up on the sand with the painter tied to the shore in some manner. It appears the thieves took the tiny, and must have towed it to the Woy Woy Park boat ramp where the tinny was discovered, but with the motor gone.

REPORT: Santa on the Water

A sunnier day than last year saw Rod and

Virginia Wenzel's boat, Doctors Orders again hosting Santa on the Water. The boat was loaded with Santa, maybe some reindeer below decks, some hangers-on (carolers?) and the Brisbane Water Brass Band, and set off clockwise around the Island. They did leave dock a little later than

planned (an errant musician I heard), but still cruised into all seven of the Island's canals with Santa waving and wishing everyone a "Merry Christmas..." while the brass band played a continual medley of Christmas carols.





Raffle Donations for St Pats Day

We are asking for donations for the St Patricks Day raffles. Please get them to our Treasurer, Ken. Phone 4342 3156.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES & ADVERTISING

Information, articles or advertising copy can be sent to the Editor (Stephen Steele) at islandnews@sthubertsisland.nsw.au or 107 Helmsman Bvd. The Island News is produced every 3 months and is delivered to all Island residents by letterbox about a week before each General Meeting. Article deadline will be TWO weeks and Advertising THREE weeks before each General Meeting. See page 1 "Dates For Your Diary" for the date of the next meeting.

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From the Editor ...

Lots of reports in this edition - as expected considering the busy and entertaining summer most of us had.

The President's message is long... but Rod has done a lot for the Island in the last 3 months, and residents need to know about it.

With lots of walkers on the Island, there may be a few of you that would like to do the L2S walk - get ready!!

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

Steve



The flotilla supporting Santa formed up in or near Marina Cove then followed the festivities.



One of the flotilla crew was better dressed(?) than the rest however...

Four boys shared a few drinks while getting ready for the flotilla with Doctors Orders and were looking positively resplendent and fetching in their St Huberts Island BBQ Aprons and Caps [PLUG - \$18 and \$12 from the Association]. They are so sought after, a "mainlander" from Point Clare even bought a

Paul from Mainsail, Darren and Steve from Cuttlefish and Alan from Point Clare all wore their aprons proudly and by the end of the night the pockets of the aprons were jingling