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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

Thursday June 8	Island General Meeting
The Cove Hall	7.30 pm [More info in this newsletter]
Saturday July 22	CHRISTMAS IN JULY
Daleys Kitchen	6.30 pm [Advance Notice]
Sunday July 30	Lighthouse 2 Skillion Coast Walk
Norah Head Lighthouse	9.30 - 11am [see March Newsletter @ Website]
Thursday September 14	September Island General Meeting
The Cove Hall	7.30 pm [Advance Notice]
Saturday September 23	Sunset Sips 2017#4
Beachcomber Park	4.30 pm [Advance Notice]
October	Island Dine-Out 2017#3
Daleys Kitchen	6.30 pm [More information coming]

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

Notice

June GENERAL MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 8 June 2017
The Cove Hall, Empire Bay

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

NO Guest Speaker this Meeting

We were intending to ask GHD Consultants and Central Coast Council to present the final Plan Of Management for the Island's canals (again), but we have heard that it is still in the hands of some of the various stakeholders.

We will use our more immediate communication methods (aka email/website/Facebook) to notify residents when it is finalised.

From the SECRETARY

2017/2018 Membership Renewal

We currently only have 193 Members and we would love to increase this to all of our 547 households.

Joining the Residents Association will allow us to put on more fun events and activities for all our families which provides us with great opportunities to meet and socialise with our neighbours from near and afar.

Being a member will also mean the Residents Association will have a louder voice with the Central Coast Council so we can act on your behalf for the betterment of our Island. It only costs \$5 per household to renew/join for a whole year!

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If you do pay via direct debit, please email me at secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au with your name and address so we can add you to our database.

Our online presence is increasing with over 150 email addresses and 146 followers on our Facebook page. Being online allows us to get our news and messages to you a lot quicker and it is much more cost effective which frees up our funds to spend on social activities or other investments. However all still love receiving our Quarterly Newsletter so this won't be going away any time soon! Don't forget to send me your email address @ secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au and like us on Facebook.

Ideas, Suggestions, Comments, Feedback... we love it all! You can jump onto our website and click on "Contact Us" to reach your committee members, or alternatively you can reach the President, Rod Blake at president@sthubertsisland.nsw.au or me at secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au

Advertising - if you are interested in advertising in our newsletter please contact me at my Secretary email. The cost is \$120 per year for 4 adverts....that is only \$30 per quarter!

A Word from the President!

The Island committee has been really busy, enjoying the last of summer, fabulous sunsets, warm water and good wines! Seriously though, we have enjoyed a number of SHIRA events since the last newsletter.

If you did not make it to the last Sunset Sips that was held at Solstice Reserve, you missed a fantastic display of nature at its best with a truly fabulous sunset and a great evening. The Easter Egg Hunt and egg and spoon race was enjoyed by the Island youngsters and it was such a pleasure to see lots of new faces enjoying the BBQ and of course the champagne for the ladies. A huge thank you goes to Matt Reynolds from First National Real Estate at Ettalong for sponsoring this event.

More recently a fund raiser was held for The Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for cancer research which was sponsored by Andrew Tregent from Raine & Horne and was held at Neville and Marilyn Smith's home. Thank you both for your help. Photos of both events can be found in this newsletter and on the website.

A very disturbing incident occurred on the Island with a vicious dog attack by an unsecured dog on another dog being walked on a lead. Whilst we all think that our pooches are super friendly and can roam free on our streets, at the end of the day they are still animals that are very territorial and can attack without notice. If this had been a small child that was attacked we hate to think of the consequences and the ongoing physical and mental damage that could have been done.

As it happened, the cost of vet bills was significant let alone the hurt and suffering for the owner and the innocent dog. Many of us live on properties that are not fully fenced and it is the dog owner's responsibility to control their pets and keep them off other resident's property, and walk them on leads regardless as to how cute you think your dog is. Many younger children that do not have pets can be terrified of your dog and that is why dogs are not allowed near playground areas. Council has a Responsible Dog Ownership Fact Sheet which can be found on the CCC website. Barking dogs are also a nuisance and complaint forms can be found on CCC website. Council Rangers can be contacted on 4325 8222 if you see dogs roaming our street not on leashes.

As we go to print we are very close to finalising the new licensing agreement with CCC for the Pontoons and Walkways. At worst case scenario we have secured a 15 year licence which is a major improvement on the initial 5 years we were offered. Details will be published on our website as soon as they are finalised.

Also the Plan of Management (POM) for the canals is in its final stages with the different stakeholders at Council reviewing the consultant's brief before handing it over to us. Stay tuned!!!

Cheers

Rod Blake

president@sthubertisland.nsw.au

Report

Neighbourhood Watch

The following crimes for February to March were reported to Police:-

February 2017	Beachfront Pde.	1 assault
March 2017	Marina View Pde.	1 stealing
April 2017	Marina View Pde.	1 stealing

NOTE: As mentioned in the March Island News, stealing can be avoided by locking up and not leaving valuable items outside. Marina View residents take note.

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** form. The report will be passed on to police in the same way as phone reports to the Police Assistance Line.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Medical Alarms & Security Systems on the NBN

On St Huberts our NBN is Fibre-to-the-Node (FTTN) and it uses part of the copper telephone network.

Because of this FTTN system, the NBN "takes over" your copper telephone line and you lose the use of your traditional phone service and any other equipment that used your phone lines.

AND... it is NBN policy that the entire copper telephone network is disconnected around 18 months after the NBN becomes available. By my calculations the NBN arrived on St Huberts at the end of February 2016, which means **there will be no more traditional copper telephone lines on the Island after (my guess) August 2017.**

So you need to do something about your security systems and medical alarms that currently rely on a landline telephone.

Most security systems and medical alarms were largely dependent on the phone line whether you actually used it to make phone calls or not.

Australian security and medical alarm providers have long since begun altering their products to be less reliant on landlines. While they can run over the NBN, they are vulnerable during power outages so it's vital to have a backup solution in place to ensure that your system stays alert. Wireless and mobile technologies are now being used for this – not only are they less susceptible to physical tampering (i.e. there's no line to cut) some models may even be able to be connected to a backup power source.

You must reach out to your security or medical alarm provider.

Not all alarm equipment is compatible with the NBN. If your home or business has a monitored alarm or another kind of security system installed, you should contact your provider before making the switch to NBN to make sure that everything will work as expected.



Here's some questions you should ask when discussing your options:

- ☐ Will my alarm work properly when I connect to the NBN?
- ☐ Once I'm on the NBN, will my alarm be able to dial out during a power outage?
- ☐ Will my alarm have an alternate communication path in case the primary method fails?
- ☐ Will my alarm "check in" periodically to make sure the communication path is still working?
- ☐ If a mobile service is involved, do I need to arrange my own mobile service or is that included with the security product?
- ☐ Will I need a service call or any new equipment when changing to the NBN?

Advertorials

See Our First Advertorial at the bottom of Page 2

Since 1976 when the Residents Association was created there has been advertising of some sort in The Island News.

The Association is a non-profit organisation, and to get funds to provide free activities for ALL RESIDENTS, our income comes from annual member subscriptions, sales of unique Island items, and also from these advertisers.

Simplistically, they fund our/ your activities.

The Committee has decided our advertisers deserve a thank-you for their support, and our encouragement for ALL ISLANDERS to support them also.

First "cab off the rank" is Peninsular Office Supplies.

While they do not advertise in The Island News, they print it with an amazing discount and excellent service.

Mike and Cathy are always welcoming and print the newsletter ASAP. They even tweak the photos to improve them - any other problems are due to the Editor!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dogs on St Huberts

An investigation of the previous editions of The Island News and minutes of General and Committee meetings of the Island's Residents Association since 1976, has demonstrated a continual problem with roaming dogs, dogs off leash and dog poo - and probably started when the Island bridge connected the Island to the mainland in 1971.

A recent occurrence early this year shows it is now time... AGAIN... to cover dog owner's legal responsibilities.

Your dog must be under the effective control of a competent person at all times when out in public. This means that it must be on a leash and under the control of someone capable of restraining it. A small child, for example, may not be able to control a

large dog. Under these circumstances, an adult capable of restraining the dog should walk the dog.

A dog is not considered to be under the effective control of a competent person if the person has more than 4 dogs under their control. If you fail to comply with this requirement, you, or if you are not present, the person in control of your dog, if they are aged 16 or over, may be liable for a maximum penalty of \$1,100 or \$11,000 in the case of a restricted dog, dangerous or menacing dog.

This requirement does not apply to a dog –

- in an off-leash area (but only if the total number of dogs of which its owner has control does not exceed 4)*
- a dog secured in a cage or vehicle or tethered to a fixed object or structure*
- a dog being exhibited for show purposes*
- a dog participating in an obedience class, trial or exhibition*
- a dog engaged in droving, tending or working of stock*
- a police dog or a corrective services dog*

LINKS

Central Coast Council - gosford.nsw.gov.au. Search for "dog off leash"

Office of Local Government - olg.nsw.gov.au/public/dogs-and-cats



REPORT**SUNSET SIPS #3**

Saturday 8 April 2017

WOW... what a success this evening was.

Mother Nature gave us a beautiful clear sky with an early gentle zephyr dropping off to a calm evening, and a SPECTACULAR sunset.

We had to start cooking bang on the 4.30 pm start as the sunset was 5.20 pm, so we didn't want to eat in the dark - although the almost full moon helped a little till the cloud cover eventually blotted it out.

However, in the dark we still found the way to our mouth later for some beverages, particularly the free sponsored champagne for the bigger girls and boys.

A quick head count ended with about 60 big kids and 20 little kids.

The highlight for the little kids was the easter egg hunt which was rapid, furtive, eager, etc, etc and successful.

Some of the big kids got their chocolate fix with the GREAT EASTER BASKET RAFFLE - that was unpopularly won by someone who wasn't the Editor ;-).

It is planned that the next Sunset Sips will be in about 3 months time (July 2017?) in the Beachcomber Parade park. There was even a suggestion we might have warming braziers there.

A GALLERY of stacks of photos scrounged from various sources can be found on the website at -

sthubertsisland.nsw.au/events-reports/event-2017-april-sunset-sips-3.



Sorry for the excess of sunset photos [not really] that try to do it justice.

A movie of the Easter Egg Hunt was taken, and hopefully will appear on the website soon.

Keep your eyes peeled for it.



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INFORMATION

Mobile resources for all "Fisherpeople"

As technology improves and becomes ubiquitous, some very handy/clever/even essential apps are available for your smart device - phone or tablet, Apple or Android.

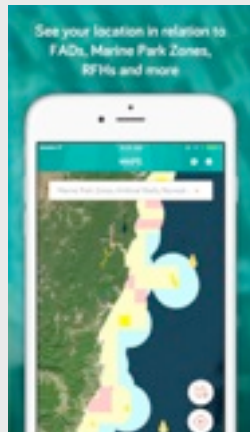
The two apps below complement each other with very little or no overlap in what they achieve.

All fishers should have these two apps on their smart devices.

DPI - Department of Primary Industries

The new DPI's app is **FishSmart**.

It can be found in the Apple's App Store at <https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/fishsmart-nsw-nsw-fishing/id1092320415?mt=8> and Android's Google Play at <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.mobiddiction.fishsmart&hl=en>.



The app provides recreational fishers 24/7 access to essential information they need to know to fish in NSW.

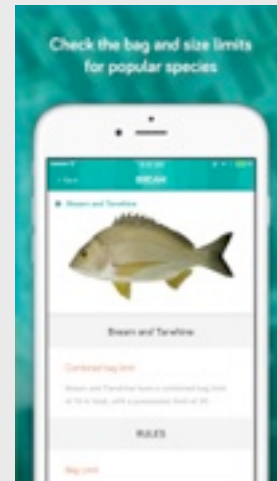
The app includes; bag and size limits, closed seasons and fishing gear rules.

It provides a real-time map to locate your nearest FADs, artificial reefs, Recreational Fishing Havens and show where Marine Park zones are.

It also includes guides on; spearfishing, fishing safely, trout fishing, regional fishing information and more.

Use the app to contact DPI for reporting illegal fishing, fish kills, pest species etc as well as to contact local Fisheries Offices.

You can view the DPI's Facebook newsfeed and pay your recreational fishing licence fee using the app.



Marine Rescue NSW

This app is the **MarineRescue App**.

Download it from Apple's App Store at <https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/marine-rescue-nsw/id722023675?mt=8> or Android's Google Play at <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.marinerescuensw&hl=en>.

It is the only app that connects you directly to Marine Rescue NSW, allowing you to log-on and log-off, and for Marine Rescue to look out for your safety.

The app offers -

- ☒ a live safety tracking option, automatically updating your position every 30 minutes so Marine Rescue can track your journey
- ☒ local tide, weather and sea conditions
- ☒ your latitude/longitude position coordinates
- ☒ boat ramp locations and popular fishing spots
- ☒ a safety checklist for before you head out
- ☒ emergency call procedures
- ☒ information on Marine Rescue NSW.



Find out more about these apps at -

DPI NSW - <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources>.

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REPORT**Dine-Out 2017#2**

Friday 19 May 2017

Everyone mixed well and lots of new friendships were made.

We announced the inaugural "Christmas in July" (possibly Saturday 22 July) at Daleys Kitchen, and this was enthusiastically received.

A new St Huberts Island unique item was also displayed for the first time. The Association has developed a blank post card with a stunning picture of the sunset at our March Sunset Sips at Solstice Park - these promise to be very popular.

Amongst the many interesting Islanders this correspondent spoke to were Bill Balneaves, John Maxwell and John Irvine, all from Helmsman.



They may well be called upon as guest speakers at future General Meetings.

Bill's interesting life included working with children in New Guinea, John M is a Gold Medal Olympian and International and Commonwealth Games shooter, and John I is Australia's foremost child psychologist.



Editor: We are ALWAYS on the lookout for Islanders (or even Mainlanders) with interesting lives or stories, to talk at our General Meetings every three months. Contact the Association if you would like to volunteer or "dob" someone in. Contact details are on our Page 1 masthead.



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FISHOS BRAG - again!! again!! again!! again!!**Crabs... and a brag**

*This Editor is getting a bit over this!!!
Can't anyone brag other than the two members of this Fishing Club??*

As Martin tells the story...

Your editor complains we brag too much!
How could he complain about this photo of a morning catch of blue swimmers in Brisbane Water by Boyd Close Fishing Club members Bruce Halliday and Martin Wellington. We put back three jennies.

**REPORT****Bush Stone Curlews**

During a bike ride around the Island, resident Iain Campbell came across a splendid but unfortunately rare sight of a pair of Bush Stone Curlews that appear to have taken up residence in front of a house on Beachfront.



These once common native birds have all but disappeared from our Island and are listed as a threatened species. Curlews are extremely vulnerable to domestic predators, particularly dogs and cats. It would be so nice if pet owners could keep their predators on leash during the day and locked up at night so the Island once again is graced with the beautiful, innocent Curlews and other native birds so vulnerable to thoughtless pet owners and their "pets".

Report**FISHO'S Corner**

Fish are currently a bit picky and ignoring the best of baits and lures.

The jewies seem to be on holidays and most won't be back until after winter.

Outside, its hard to get your bait past green toads and undersized leather jackets.

Water temperature is still sitting around the 21-22 degrees and some snapper and mowies are taking the occasional bait.

Drifting off Lion Island should produce a feed of flathead.

Brisbane Water is producing bream and flathead.

Some nice bream are coming from the Rip Bridge area at night while flathead are being taken at Paddy's Channel with similar catches at Empire Bay.

Hairtail are on the return for those wanting to spend some cool nights in Cowan Creek!!

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 (02 4342 31560) - but not during call centre hours!

Tight lines everyone! Ken

**New from The Association****Island Post Cards**

After the very successful Sunset Sips at Solstice Park, and the spectacular photos taken during the sipping, the Association has commissioned at least one post card design that will available for sale. Many details still need to be fleshed-out... but they are coming.

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DRONES...

UAVs - Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
RPAs - Remotely Piloted Aircraft

Use of Drones in Australia Has Now Been Formalised

Rules for flying drones in Australia came in to effect on 29 September 2016. These rules are found in Part 101 of the Australian Civil Aviation Safety Regulations, with the use of drones controlled by CASA - the Civil Aviation Safety Authority. These rules came about to manage the ever-growing stupid uses and activities of "drone pilots".



Whatever your reasons for flying them, it is an offence to operate an unmanned aircraft in a way that creates a hazard to another aircraft, another person or property - and this includes on St Huberts Island!!

The standard RPA operating conditions are as follows: *[Editor Bolding]*

- You must only fly during the day and **keep your RPA within visual line-of sight**.
- You must keep your RPA at least **30 metres away from other people**.
- You must not fly your RPA **over any populous areas**. These can include: **beaches, parks and sporting ovals**.
- You must not fly your RPA over or near an area **affecting public safety** or where emergency operations are underway (without prior approval).
This could include situations such as a car crash, police operations, a fire and associated firefighting efforts, and search and rescue.
- You must not fly your RPA higher than 120 metres (400ft) AGL [above ground level].
- You must keep your RPA at least 5.5km away from controlled aerodromes.
- You can only fly one RPA at a time.

If you wish to fly outside any of these conditions, you need to be licensed and/or certified by CASA.

Report unsafe operation of drones at casa.gov.au/webform/unsafe-drone-operations-complaint-form

Find out more about flying drones at casa.gov.au/rpa.

Report

Biggest Morning Tea

The Biggest Morning Tea on the Island was held slightly earlier this year on 6th May 2017 and raised \$496.55 towards cancer research via donations and raffle proceeds.



Numbers were down from last year despite the brilliant weather. Approximately 80 residents enjoyed some great home made cakes and a good chinwag.



Thanks to Nev and Maz Smith who hosted the Biggest Morning Tea again this year, as well as everyone who donated items for the raffle.

The hamper was won by Bill Bullion.

ISLAND HIRE:

- ☒ Folding Tables (3 available).....\$10 [all 3]
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REPORT**Open Garden Day on St Huberts Island**

On Monday 13th May over 40 friends and members from Killcare Heights Garden Club visited St Huberts Island for an Open Gardens Day.



President Helene Cornwell and her committee hosted morning tea for the members and visitors at her home in Mercator Parade. It was a cool cloudy day so everyone enjoyed being on the terrace overlooking the pool and canal.



Talks on her garden and by the hosts of four other gardens in Cuttlefish Parade, Mainsail Avenue and Helmsman Boulevard were enjoyed by everyone, and many commented on how pleasant it was walking on easy flat roads around the Island and visiting the gardens. A plant stall also did very well.

Other outings for the Killcare Heights Garden Club this year include a visit in April to Alison Homestead Wyong and the Old Wyong Milk Factory with its Chocolate Boutique and Cheese Factory, and in May a heritage boat trip up the Hawkesbury. There is also a visit to some private gardens at Leura in October just before the Flower Festival.

Contact Helene for more information at helene.cornwell@optusnet.com.au.

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.

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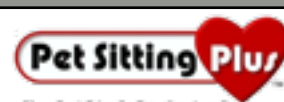


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TidBits...

* Request for Tidbits

We occasionally stumble across significant birthdays and events accidentally. Let's keep the Islanders informed, and email The Island News so we can TidBit them. Email to islandnews@sthubertsisland.nsw.au.

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* Happy 90th Valerie Russell

There was a special birthday to celebrate in Marina View Parade for long time Island Resident, Valerie Russell recently. Val's neighbour Cathy Law rallied those who live close by to celebrate Val's 90th birthday by opening her home for a special Surprise Afternoon Tea for Val.



Cathy Law, Rae Keelan, Krissy Charlton, Valerie Russell

Val was indeed surprised, and a lovely afternoon was had by all. Our Val is special to us all, and we were honoured to be able to celebrate her milestone birthday and enjoy her company.

Neighbours Sonja and Preben Lemming were also at the shindig, but this group photo was blurry.

* 98 is rapidly approaching!!



Long time Boyd Close resident Sid Atkins will turn 98 on 16 June. His relatives are making arrangements for an appropriate celebration.

Happy Birthday Sid.

* The Real Housewives of St Huberts Island (?#@*)

Seen by the Editor several days ago, a wine glass with this logo (I assume a transfer)! The females on the Island Committee went absolutely wild about them. There may be more information following.



* Oh Dear... Speeding on Canals AGAIN!!!

Received an email from **another** concerned resident...

"We live on [redacted] and were hoping that you might include a notice about watercraft speed in the canals and the damage caused by the wash of speeding vessels. Last June following the bad storms a number of properties on [redacted] suffered severe damage and collapse of their canal walls which necessitated costly repair and remedial work.

Despite this, certain residents living on [redacted] who are new to the Island seem oblivious to the no wash speeds of watercraft in the canals and regularly travel at unacceptable speed in their tinnie creating a damaging wake that scours the shoreline around [redacted]. In addition to the erosion cause by vessel wake, it is just plain dangerous to be speeding in the canals with occasional kayakers and people swimming. So an article in the Island news might serve to remind residents about the consequences of watercraft speeding in the canals and slow some of the idiots down!"



A majority of us live on canals, and this is a very common story, but the message just **isn't getting through!** Our canal 4 knot speed limit is FAST WALKING SPEED!! In our canal we yell out at these idiots, sometimes successfully.

We have been advised in the past to photograph the offending vessel with the registration number displayed then use the RMS Contact Us page on their website - secure.rms.nsw.gov.au/contact-us.

They say they will act on this. Worth trying considering Disobey fines are - \$100 fine for a **4 knot** sign and \$500 fine for a **No Wash**.



* The Island News IN COLOUR



Some residents know this already but... the newsletter you are now reading is actually in glorious colour. Find the full colour PDF of The Island News on the website at sthubertsisland.nsw.au/island-news/island-news-archive/ or now on our Facebook page at [St Huberts Island Residents Association](https://www.facebook.com/StHubertsIslandResidentsAssociation).

Not only is it in colour, but the internet and email LINKS WORK!

* Christmas in July

Keep Saturday 22 July free for the first Island Christmas-In-July. More information coming



* FYI... St Huberts Island name

For Your Information...

The Geographical Names Board of NSW spelling of our island paradise suburb is **St Huberts Island** - no abbreviation period for *Saint* and no possessive apostrophe for *Hubert's*. AND our Association name as determined by the Department Fair Trading is **St Huberts Island Residents Association Inc** - again no abbreviation period for *Saint* and no possessive apostrophe for *Hubert's* or *Resident's*, and the *Inc* is part of our full name and an essential obligation.

* Bridge Jumpers

Another Oh Dear...

Kids are still jumping off the bridge in great numbers and from increasing heights. We all know we were invincible when we were teen-agers... it goes with the territory. And we learned from our mistakes too - or at least most of us did! So in January after the 17 year old bridge-jumping son of a (previous) Island resident splintered a neck vertebrae and came within microns of becoming a paraplegic, you would imagine that as the word spread numbers of jumpers would reduce. But, not so... As the warm days continued, so did increased jumping. Please parents, friends, role-models etc, it looks great fun but proven to be **oh-so-dangerous** and the kids need some strong, sage advice.

Phone the CCC Council Rangers if concerned on 4325 8222.



* Island Facebook & ChitChat

Just a reminder that the Island Association has a Facebook page at [facebook.com/pages/St-Huberts-Island-Residents-Association/1683986528496303](https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Huberts-Island-Residents-Association/1683986528496303). And there is an independent Island ChitChat page at [facebook.com/groups/1765363277075475/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1765363277075475/).

* Flooding on St Huberts

Spotted in a recent online Sydney Morning Herald, an interesting new website showing what flooding will occur when global climate change begins to become more obvious. Give it a go - a bit scary, but at least all our roads go under first before our houses!!

It's at coastalrisk.com.au/.

* **Stop Press** - Solstice Park

The Island Committee has just had an on-site meeting with the "new" Council person in charge of our parks.

At this stage it is very positive for the further development of our Solstice Park.

More information coming...

From the Editor...

Once again... choc-a-block with so much squeezed in and so much left out. (But don't worry... it's coming.)

I'm not sure what to feature here... there is something for everyone, and much of it meaty and significant. Boat wash is frustrating for "Canalers", improvements to Solstice Park overdue for the "South Islanders", sincere birthday wishes for the senior Islanders, and major issues coming for some "NBNers". Enjoy the lot!

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

Steve

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