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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

2018 December 9 Sunday	Annual Christmas Paddle Regatta	9 am	[Information inside]
2018 December 14 Friday	Empire Bay RFS SANTA RUN	To Be Announced	[Information & Map inside]
2018 December 15 Saturday	Island DineOut 2018#4	6.00 pm	CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION [Full information below]
2018 December 23 Sunday	Santa On The Water	5 pm	CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION [Information inside]
2019 February 9 Saturday	SunsetSips 2019#1	5 pm	ATTUNGA PARK [Information Inside]
2019 March 10 Sunday	Westpac Helicopter Fundraiser & St Patricks Day Celebration	11 am	[Advance Notice]
2019 March 14 Thursday	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	7.30 pm	[Advance Notice]
2019 March 16 Saturday	SunsetSips 2019#2	5 pm	BEACHFRONT PARK [Advance Notice]
2019 April 20 Saturday	SunsetSips 2019#3 & EASTER EGG HUNT - SOLSTICE PK	5 pm	[Advance Notice]
2019 May 18 Saturday	Island's Biggest Morning Tea	9.30 to 11.00 am	[Advance Notice]

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

From the Secretary

At the March Annual General a completely new Committee is voted in - all positions are declared vacant. I encourage ALL MEMBERS of the Association to give some thought to joining the Committee. We are continually on the lookout for new activities etc to help residents enjoy our idyllic Island surroundings. Fresh Committee members, and current and new residents becoming members, help to maximise and vary Island activities... our now extremely successful SunsetSips was the idea of a new Committee member.

Thanks, Annabel,
secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au

Your contact Committee member for this DineOut is:

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2018 St Huberts Christmas "Dinner"

DineOut#4 - Christmas Celebration
 6 pm Saturday 15 December 2018



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Information:

- A maximum of 50 people in a separate area - accepted in order of payment
- \$50 per head
- Set menu of Starter, Main and Dessert
- Six tables of eight people, or more as required
- **NO BYO**
- Drinks bill will be by the table - no split drinks bill, paid in one amount per table
- Restaurant open as usual

To Book Your Place:

- Get your table of 8 together. If you need a table larger than 8, we should be able to accommodate.
- Contact Geoff Flynn with the names of the people at your table
- You must pay in advance - either **cash** to Geoff or **pay on-line** to the Association (info above)
- If you can't make up a table of 8, contact Geoff to discuss options.

Go to sthubertsisland.nsw.au/events-reports/event-2018-dec-island-dine-out-4/ to view the set menu and access the drinks list.

A Word from the President!

Another year is speeding to a close and the Island has never been more vibrant. Older houses being knocked down and new houses erected, and renovations occurring in every street. There is no doubt this is a great place to live!!

Throughout the year the committee has tried to keep the social activities as varied and inclusive as possible to encourage the young and old to be involved, and give all a chance to make new friendships.

We have met with the Mayor, Jane Smith, to try and progress the Plan of Management for the Island which has been moving slowly and unfortunately not always forward. A copy of an email received recently is included in this newsletter. Looks like further meetings will be needed!

Our St Huberts Day celebration proved to be a very successful event again this year after having to cancel last year due to the poor weather. Around 150 Islanders were able to enjoy the BBQ, bubbles and

beer, and the kids were entertained with the face painting, jumping castle and the Furies from Empire Bay RFS. We would like to thank the generosity of our sponsors, Domain Property Group, Bendigo Bank and those who contributed to the fabulous raffle.

We still have a couple of events to go to finish the year so grab some friends and book a table at our Christmas dinner and get the kayaks out for the annual paddle around the Island!

Many thanks to all the committee members for their tireless (unpaid) hard work!!

Merry Christmas to you all and a safe and happy New Year.

Kim & Rod



Neighbourhood Watch

Our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator is becoming concerned with reporting of incidents...

As he indicates below, only one incident has been reported from March 2018 to November 2018, and he finds it difficult to believe this low level of criminal activity in nine months.

Police cannot act when they are not informed of criminal activity. If not an emergency, and to ensure meaningful reporting, use the Police Assistance Line or Crime Stoppers phone numbers below, not local police stations who do not record phone conversations.

The following crime for September to November 2018 was reported to Police:

September 2018		No crimes reported
October 2018	Helmsman Bvde	Malicious damage
November 2018		No crimes reported (to date)



Ring 000 for crimes in progress

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.

INFORMATION

2018 Annual St Huberts Paddle Regatta

SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2018 AT 9 AM AT LONG ARM RESERVE.

The Island's Christmas Celebration is 6 days later, so burn off calories now before reloading on Saturday 15th @ La Fiamma Pizza Restaurant

**KIDS WELCOME
WEAR YOUR XMAS HAT... OR MORE**

We will be starting at 9 am at Long Arm Reserve and paddle by kayak, canoe, paddle board, stand-up board or raft, into each of our six canals, finishing sometime after 11am back at Long Arm Reserve.

On the way expect:

- A watermelon stop
- Sausage sizzle in Marina Cove
- Champers and cheeses at Long Arm



2107 Regatta Photo



2107 Regatta Photo

This is not a race, just an enjoyable morning of paddling with new and old friends, experienced or inexperienced. All ages can take part. Those with a spare craft please let me know and I'll put you in touch with someone who'd like to join us but doesn't have one - they should make contact with me as well. This adventure is dependent on the weather and you'll be contacted by email/Facebook if we have to call it off.

Anyone in the canals who would like to be a welcoming host, please contact JoAnn Edwards at 4343 1319 or email joanndeal@tpg.com.au with your contact details.

Just a reminder - the St Huberts Island Residents Association Inc is not in possession of any 3rd party liability insurance. Whilst the Association takes all care, there is no responsibility accepted for anyone attending this activity. Persons attending do so at their own risk.

HELP

**We Need You
Join the SHIRA Committee**

St Huberts needs more Committee members...

This year we began with 10 Committee members but have recently "lost" Kim Blake due to significant health issues, and Julie Piper due to ever-increasing issues as mother to a young family - so we are now eight!

Each year the Association has its Annual General Meeting in March.

At this meeting ALL positions on the Associations Committee are declared vacant, and a new Committee voted in.

The more Islanders we have on the Committee, the more and varied input we have to create new, and carry-out existing or unexpected, activities for the benefit of all member and non-member Islanders. And... "many hands make light work" when we put on social activities such as SunsetSips and the recent St Huberts Day Family BBQ.

So... seriously consider joining the Committee this coming March. You will be welcomed with open arms, the meetings are quite social, fun and lively, and most importantly you will bring new ideas, suggestions and issues to the Association that aims to watch over and protect the interests of the residents of St Huberts Island.



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INFORMATION

Santa on the Water...

**It's Christmas on the Island
5pm Sunday 23 December 2018**



Santa will be back on the water this Sunday 23 December, motoring around the canals and waters surrounding St Huberts Island. Along with some of his Helpers and the Brisbane Water Brass Band, Santa will board "Doctors Orders" skippered by Rod Wenzel and aided by various minions. The trip begins at about 5 pm from Marina Cove. Any boats can join the flotilla either in Marina Cove before 5pm, or anywhere around the path of Santa. Santa will take his maritime sleigh clockwise around the Island to Sandy Cove/Sandy Inlet, entering all canals then turning back to Marina Cove.

There are many vantage points if you choose not to take your boat out to watch him motor past.

Travelling clockwise from Marina Cove are these viewing areas shown as:

- ❖ **Marina Cove** - Marina View, between No 4 and 6 - public access
- ❖ **Marina Cove** - Marina View, between No 38 and 40 - public access
- ❖ **Luderick Ave boatramp**
- ❖ **Trial Inlet** - Helmsman, between No 51 and 53 - public access
- ❖ **NE Brisbane Water** - Salacia, between No 29 and 31 - public access
- ❖ **Crescent Cove** - Barracouta, between No 4 and 6 - public access
- ❖ **Long Arm Parade Reserve**
- ❖ **NE Brisbane Water** - Long Arm, between No 18 and 20 - public access
- ❖ **Nannygai Inlet** - Barracouta, between No 3 and 5 - public access
- ❖ **Island bridge** - bottom and top
- ❖ **Shelter Cove** - Helmsman, between No 40 and 42 - public access
- ❖ **S Brisbane Water** - Cuttlefish, between No 31 to 33 - public access
- ❖ **Solstice Park**
- ❖ **W Brisbane Water** - Mercator, between No 30 and 32 - public access
- ❖ **Sandy Inlet** - Heron, between No 4 to 6 - public access
- ❖ **Sandy Cove** - Helmsman, between No 52 and 54 - public access



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UPDATE

St Huberts Island Canal Plan of Management

After many months of waiting for a response from the Mayor to the meeting we held with her we have had the following email regarding the Plan of Management for the Island.

This will require a new meeting with Peter Ham to further discuss the issues raised.



12 November 2018

Mr Rod Blake
 President
 St Huberts Island Residents Association

 Email: president@sthubertsisland.nsw.au

Dear Mr Blake,

St Huberts Island - Plan of Management prepared by GHD Consultants

Thank you for your email of 10 October 2018 and your request for specific information relating to the Plan of Management (POM) which had been omitted from an email issued to you by Council on 9 October 2018. The Mayor has taken a keen interest in this matter and has referred this to me to respond on her behalf.

The following information addresses the issues raised at the meeting on 3 July 2018, in particular, the POM prepared by GHD Consultants.

- The preparation of the Draft "St Huberts Island Canals Guidelines for Management" document was commissioned by Council's Roads Traffic & Drainage (RTD) Unit in response to a list of questions raised by the St Huberts Island Residents Association. RTD has traditionally been considered the asset owner of the canals, as these are Council owned drainage reserves.
- In the last year this responsibility for management of the canals has passed on to the Waterways and Coastal Protection Unit. During that time, Waterways and Coastal Protection Unit staff have met with representatives from the Resident's Association on three occasions. I note that the Resident's Association has also taken the opportunity to contact myself and the local MP.
- The bed of the canals is Council owned land rather than a Crown waterway. The private boat ramps, jetties and beach areas fronting on to the canals are therefore on Council land. The seawalls in front of each property are behind the property line and are therefore on private land.




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REPORT

2018 St Huberts Day Family BBQ and Extravaganza Sunday 4 November 2018

After the cancellation due to rain last year, the 2018 St Huberts Day Family BBQ and Extravaganza was another success. An independent (but optimistic) head count resulted in an estimated 180 Islanders and friends making the most of the (almost regulation) stiff nor' easter and the clear blue sky.



This year the Family Extravaganza component included a HUGE jumping castle, face painting for the kids - with a few very big kids sneaking into the seat, and TWO fire engines courtesy of Empire Bay Rural Fire Brigade. As well, the very low tide created a large beach for the kids to safely play and fossick on.

The big kids main game was The Egg Throw that was needless to say, variably successful(!).

Everyone was entertained by our local Discovery Street entertainers - "Kavamalt", while they munched on free, endless sausage and steak sandwiches with copious amounts of beer marinated fried onions.



Other entertainment was provided by the famous St Huberts Island Quiz, run this year, very randomly, by President Rod and his beautiful assistant Wendy, with Jenny Aldersley the successful winner (after seemingly many successful attempts at graft and corruption!!). Never-mind... her punishment is to provide the Quiz questions next year when she returns the Quiz Shield with her name engraved upon it.

The raffles were also successful with many winners walking away with some valuable and sought-after items.

While the jumping castle, face painting and fire engines remained till about 2:30pm many residents stayed behind so they didn't need to carry the unnecessary weight of unconsumed cordial home.

And a great day was had by all...

See heaps more photos from the day on the Island's website at sthubertisland.nsw.au/events-reports/event-2018-nov-st-huberts-day-bbq/



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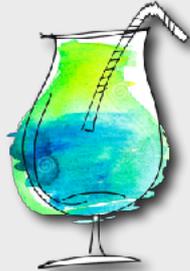
SunsetSips is BACK... the first for 2019

SunsetSips 2019#1 at
Attunga Park

5 pm Saturday 9 February 2019

For you to be still sipping with the sun setting at 7:54 pm, get to Attunga at 5:00 pm or thereabouts to -

- * Meet your new neighbours
- * Renew old friendships
- * Enjoy FREE bubbles! (Ladies bring your champagne glass!)
- * Feast on a free sausage sizzle and steak sangers - with BBQed onions!



Don't forget to bring your -

- Chair
- Hat
- Sunnies
- Beverages
- Nibbles
- Insect Repellant for the MIDGES
- Maybe a torch to find your way home



MORE INFORMATION COMING... receive an email (if the Secretary has it), check our Facebook page or view the website.

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INFORMATION

St Huberts Island Santa Run
Empire Bay Bush Fire Brigade brings Santa to the Island



Each year - fires & weather permitting - the Empire Bay/ Bensville Rural Fire Brigade take Santa for a cruise around the local areas that they care for, and maybe raise some funds for their fire-fighting activities.

- ◆ On Thursday 13th, Santa will be in Bensville and...
- ◆ On Saturday 15th, Santa will be in Empire Bay.

BUT... on Friday 14th, Santa will be driven around the streets of St Huberts Island in a very vintage car, or a shiny fire-engine.

Other than waving, ho-ho-ing, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and distributing lollies to the little ones, there may be an opportunity to make a gold coin donation.

Keep an eye out for times which will be posted shortly on the [Empire Bay RFS Facebook page](#).



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INFORMATION

Justices of the Peace on St Huberts Island



Firstly, I cannot list Island JPs here. I was writing an article listing JPs on the Island for this newsletter when I discovered that legally I can't. All JP information is Commonwealth copyrighted and basically it can't be reproduced by any means for any purpose.

But... I did discover two solutions to this conundrum...

1. There is an online JP Register

But importantly... your use of the Register is subject to accepting its Terms of Use.

- ◆ NSW JP Register:
<http://jp.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/public/welcomePublic.do#>
- ◆ Terms of Use:
http://jp.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/public/Terms_of_Use.htm

There are several things to keep in mind after consulting the Register:

- * JPs on the Register are volunteers. They may not be available at short notice or at all times of the day.
- * You must not use the information on the Register to send unsolicited communications, other than those necessary to enable you to make legitimate use of the JP services.
- * When seeking the services of a JP, please telephone in advance to make an appointment. It is best to telephone during weekday business hours. If urgent contact on a weekend is necessary, please limit your call to a reasonable time of the day.

When I was checking the list for Island JPs, I discovered the list is definitely **not up-to-date**: one JP I know left the Island several years ago, and another is deceased from last year.



2. There are NSW Justice Association staffed Community JP Desks

The NSW Justice Association staffs "Community JP Desks" throughout the State at a variety of locations. A detailed PDF list of Community Desks is at nswja.org.au/pdf/NSWJA_JP_Desks_current.pdf and can be viewed or downloaded online from nswja.org.au/desks.html.

The list is updated regularly as information changes, and is sorted by Postcode.

As at 29 October 2018, there are JP staffed desks at Kincumber Library on Fridays and Umina Beach Library on Wednesdays, but this could change, so consult the current JP Desks current PDF.

Island Chef Recipe

This recipe courtesy of
Annabel McMillan.



Annabel's Home Made Nachos

Ingredients:

- ◆ Original Corn chips - 1-2 packets
- ◆ Shredded pulled beef - 1/2 packets from Woolies
- ◆ Shredded cheese
- ◆ Nachos Topping

For the "sides":

- ◆ Gaucamole
- ◆ Sour Cream
- ◆ Salsa Mix

Method:

1. Cook/Reheat Beef
2. Layer flat cooking tray with corn chips
3. Spread some cheese over the corn chips
4. Spread the cooked beef over the corn chips
5. Spread the Nachos topping over the beef
6. Add more cheese
7. Cook in oven for 20 mins at about 180 degrees

Add these to the side:

- * Gaucamole
- * Sour Cream
- * Salsa Mix

Serve and enjoy

Email your special IslandChef recipe to islandnews@sthubertsisland.nsw.au for possible inclusion in the next issue.

If enough excellent recipes pour in we might even knock-up our very own St Huberts Island Recipe Book!

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INFORMATION

VALE - Fay Spratt

September 1939 – November 2018

It is with great sadness that we report the sudden passing of Fay Spratt. Fay has three adult children - David, Craig and Leanne, their husbands, wives as well as five grandchildren who were all very close to her.

Fay moved to St Huberts Island with husband Ron some 26 years ago and has been involved in various organisations over this time. Ron and Fay have enjoyed the company of many Islanders that they met over this period, not only through Ron's 16 years as President of the Island Association, but also mutual friends.



She was an active member of the Liberal Party and a member of the Ettalong Probus Club where she made new friends and participated in their outings.

It was always a pleasure to visit with Fay as she quite enjoyed entertaining and would always make you feel welcome with a cup of tea, a snack and a good chat.

Fay will be missed by all who knew her.

And whether or not you believe, Fay is now with Ron again after he passed in September 2017.

Vale Fay from so many on St Huberts Island.

At her service, a poem was presented about Mums. We all have our own thoughts of our Mums... these are her children's.

What is a Mum?

A mum is one of life's best gifts,
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 A mum always has your best interests at heart,
 She's someone so dear and so good,
 She's a blessing, she's a gift,
 She's a treasure like no other,
 She's someone that is truly wonderful.
 Wherever you go, and whatever you do,
 A mum's love will always see you through,
 A mum is truly invaluable,
 Indispensable and unforgettable,
 I wouldn't want anyone but you,
 And that's why I'm so grateful,
 that life picked you for me.

Report

FISHOS Corner

Several thousand fishos from Sydney and the Central Coast recently marched on State Parliament to air our concerns to the State Government that restrictions to recreational fishing areas was not on. We fishos want our kids and grandkids to be able to wet a line. Hopefully common sense will prevail. However, back to what's happening out there...



- A few jewies are on the prowl, and at their usual grounds such as the Rip Bridge and in Broken Bay.
- Further upstream, the Hawkesbury River is showing a few jewies around the bridges.
- Inside, the flatties are biting by day and the bream by night.
- Nice hauls of bream are being caught at Davistown, Empire Bay and around the Rip Bridge.
- Big whiting are being caught on Umina Beach but beach worms are a must as bait for good results.
- And, at last the blue swimmers have arrived in the Brisbane Water system.

No anglers have supplied the editor with photos of the one that didn't get away – maybe next Newsletter? Have you caught a fish or two lately and want to brag or share your luck with our readers? Simply email your picture/s to the Editor Island News.

The Ettalong Hotel Fishing Club and the Ettalong Diggers Fishing Club are always looking for active members. If interested in joining either or both clubs, please contact Ken or the Editor. Next fishing weekend is 15th/16th December with weigh in on Sunday 16th December 2018.

Tight lines! Ken

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INFORMATION

What will you give  for Christmas??

It's almost two weeks to go...

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The St Huberts Island Residents Association Inc has just the thing for that last minute panic...

For the Outdoors Person: Logo Cap \$12



For the (messy) Outdoor Cook: Logo BBQ Apron \$18

For the Beer Drinker: Logo Beer Cooler \$6 / \$20 for 4



For the Wine Drinker: Real Housewives of St Huberts Island wine glasses \$20 / \$70 for 4 (limited supply)



Big Christmas family get-together this year??

As a member, SHIRA's Island Hire can help...

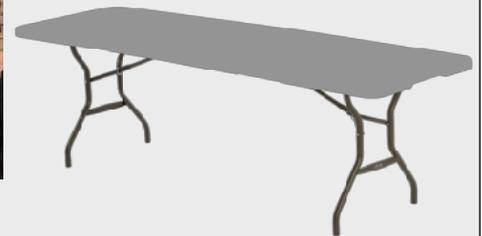
Basic, 4 burner, solid plate BBQ (2 available): \$10 (supply own gas)

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INFORMATION

Meet Your Committee (last 5 of 10 members)

Rod Blake - President

We have lived here on the Island for about 6 years now and just love it. I only work 1 or 2 days a week which enables us to enjoy our semi-retired lifestyle including walking, travelling and golfing. We have four sons aged from 29 to 43, and three beautiful grand children aged 12, eight and six. I have been involved in the motor industry for most of my working life, so I enjoy old and new 'toys' - my '66 Mustang is our next project. On the Island we are very lucky to be surrounded by great neighbours and friends.



Annabel McMillan - Secretary

I have been living on the Island for most of my life, growing up in Mercator Parade before heading overseas for 12 months and then returning home and relocating to Sydney for almost 10 years. I moved back to St Huberts Island nine years ago and have loved every minute of it. I was very fortunate to secure work on the Central Coast since my return and even more so now working from home everyday, while my two little Pomeranians love having Mummy home every day. Six years ago I meet the love of my life, Jeff - now my husband, who joined me living on this beautiful Island with his daughter Holly. We love to socialise and keeping ourselves busy, and for those who know me, know I love my Bubbles (champagne), my Pomeranians and checking into airlines lounges when I travel for work. 😊 I have been your Secretary for the past three years and I'm very proud to be part of this committee, and have also enjoyed seeing us grow and join the digital world... although I do still love the newsletters which are delivered to my letterbox. Growing up I took the Island for granted not realising how fortunate we all are to live in such a beautiful and safe area, and when driving down the Island bridge I take a moment to reflect and appreciate how lucky we are. You will see me, if I'm not travelling, at most events, especially at our successful Sunset Sips... and I look forward to meeting you there.

David Mason - Treasurer

I originally came from the North Shore living at Turrumurra, Waitara, Westleigh and finally moving to St Huberts in Nov 2014, retiring a few months later. I have two boys who live in Sydney. During my working career I worked in two main occupations - the first as an Accountant and some 20 odd years later jumped into Computing working with SAP computer software as an analyst. In my spare time I enjoy playing golf, paddling my kayak and going out with friends. Since I have been on the Island I have become very good at cleaning up seaweed and have averaged bagging around 150 bags a year along with multiple bins. If anyone needs weed please feel free to take any black bags.

Kim Blake - Committee Member

Kim reluctantly resigned from the Committee in mid-August.

Julie Piper - Committee Member

Julie reluctantly resigned from the Committee in early-November.

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.

- ★ 3 Beachfront
- ★ 8 Helmsman
- ★ 13 Mainsail
- ★ 25 Mainsail
- ★ 16 Nautilus
- ★ 30 Nautilus
- ★ 15 Sirius

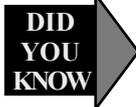
House sales and transfers 26 August 20 to 16 November 2018 - contract date ignored.

Sourced from NSW Valuer General, Raine&Horne and allhomes.com.au.

Raine&Horne. 4341 7111

Chris Ireland 63 Helmsman Boulevard, St Huberts Island

If you buy at auction, you don't get a cooling-off period if you change your mind – and you can't make the contract subject to any conditions.



This means that if you are planning to have a building or pest inspection – which we recommend you do – this needs to happen before the auction.

If you buy a property by private sale you are able to make the contract subject to conditions.

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BBQ Aprons\$18

Caps\$12

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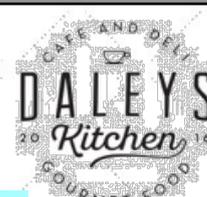
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TidBits...

CULTURE CORNER

Two pertinent poems from Vivien Sale

ISLAND BBQ (inspired after attending the Island BBQ)

Our island barbeque is just great we get together and meet our mates. Our island's such a friendly place, we talk & chat & share some plates. First Sunday in November - just remember for 2019, its well worth the meet to say 'hello' to meet & greet.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

"Hey kids, can you hear his sleigh?"
'You bet we can - hip hip hurray'.
Christmas comes but once a year to make us laugh & sing & cheer.
Aussie Christmas in the sun - to care & share - Oh what fun.

Bridge Jumpers - a Cautionary Tale

Kids continue to jump.



Numbers are increasing, ages are dropping, and launch heights are going up. We all know we were invincible when we were kids, and we learned from our mistakes - or at least most of us did... if we could!

The signs on the bridge are obviously ignored by the jumpers, so they achieve very little.

In January 2017, a 17 year old bridge-jumping ex-Island resident splintered a neck vertebrae and came within microns of becoming a paraplegic. You would imagine that word would spread and numbers of jumpers reduce.

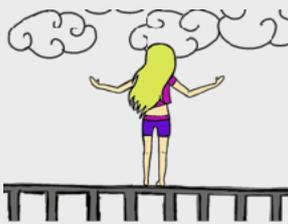
But, not so...

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.

[This pastime reminds me of the jumpers from the ocean cliffs up Toukley way that has led to injuries, paralysis and worse.]

If concerned, phone the CCC Council Rangers on 4325 8222, or Woy Woy Police directly on 4379 7399.

Early this year a concerned resident rang the Police and a patrol car arrive quickly.



Around the Canals Cruises are back

It's almost Summer, and it looks like El-Niño and climate change will give us a long hot summer. So Captain "Big Rod" Wenzel and his trusty bosun Virginia, have dusted the hull and super-structure of their palatial catamaran-hulled "Doctors Orders" and will again hit the canals of St Huberts

season. With a minimum number of 10 passengers, \$15 a head will see you



on a relaxed cruise of the canals of St Huberts Island and various parts of Brisbane Water.

After costs, the Residents Association will be the recipients of Rod's donations to aid in the many current and planned events the Association holds each year, as well as representing Islanders in other ways as they arise.

Cruises will be on weekdays, although weekends are available by arrangement. Contact Big Rod Wenzel on 0418 294 956 for more information and bookings.

An Accommodation Request

A long-time Island resident has their four children's families visiting them on the Island this Christmas. Two of the families are coming from overseas while the other two are Aussie-bound. This makes for 22 for Christmas at the Doust residence.

The visiting families intend arriving mid-December and leaving end December.

They are searching for possible available, empty houses on the Island during this period so the families can simply sleep there - they will be spending all other times away from these houses.



Are there any Island residents who could help - contact Elaine Doust in Sirius Street on 4342 1234.

Killcare Surf Life Saving Club

KILLCARE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB NEEDS YOU!

A call from Vic Wilmot, a member of the surf club before 1964 and known by many of our Islanders. There are already Islander links to the Club with many members resident here.

Killcare Surf Club is struggling with its numbers, and really needs new members to join and be trained to gain their bronze



medallions, so the Club can maintain their half day patrols.

If you are sixteen years of age or older, we would like to train you to become a surf life saver!



The benefits include improving your swimming fitness, learning first aid and resuscitation, making new friends, and saving lives on our beach!

This is a vital community volunteer service. New members will be most welcome. So... come on down to the Surf Club to register your interest.

For further information, contact Vic Wilmot, on 4360 2836.

Your Neighbour's Trees!!

Other than the fence between neighbours, the next most concerning and vexatious issue between neighbours is the tree on a property boundary. Disputes are common, so just in case you weren't aware of the boundary tree issues, here is a **brief (layman's) summary.**

* There is a Trees Act - Trees (Disputes Between Neighbours) Act 2006.

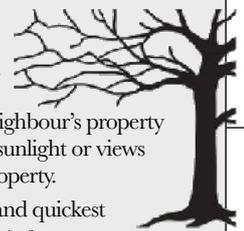
* Common law allows a neighbour to prune the branches to abate the nuisance caused by the overhanging tree, without needing the tree owner's permission. It is advisable to notify the neighbour by dropping them a note setting out what you intend to do, why and when. Council permission may be required if pruning too much - typically between 10% and 33% depending on the Council.

* Mediation is a good starting point for disputes. Community Justice Centres offer a free service.

* If a dispute reaches the Land and Environment Court, it will not make an order if neighbours have not tried to reach an agreement. Usually parties pay their own costs, although costs can be awarded.

* The Land and Environment Court rules on -

- tree branches overhanging
- injury to a person as a result of a tree
- roots grown onto a neighbour's property
- high hedges blocking sunlight or views from a neighbour's property.



* Ultimately, the cheapest and quickest method to resolve a dispute is for neighbours to agree between themselves and approach Council for approval of the pruning or removing of the tree.

See more at the sources for this summary:

- * businesslawyer.com.au/tree_disputes_between_neighbours.htm
- * matthewsfolbigg.com.au/news/local-government/trees-disputes-neighbours-nsw

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From the Editor...

Phew... a rushed (and late) newsletter this edition.

The CALENDAR is filling up now - most of the SunsetSips have been decided on, with DineOut dates still in the pipeline.

And... I've pushed Joining the Committee in this edition as we MUST have an eclectic mix of people on the Committee for it to be of significant benefit to ALL ISLANDERS. So consider standing for the new Committee at the AGM in March next year.

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

Steve