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# The Island News

*'The Central Coast's Island in the Sun'*

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

2019 July 20 Saturday Daleys Kitchen	<b>Christmas in July</b> 6:30 pm	<b>St Huberts Island DineOut</b> Information Inside
2019 November 3 Sunday Long Arm Park	<b>St Huberts Day Family BBQ &amp; Extravaganza</b> 11 am	Put this date in your diary!

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

### From the Secretary

The Island Residents Association is ALWAYS after more members. When the final CCC Climate Change policy/draft is released (in June?), its impact on ALL OWNERS & RESIDENTS on the Island will be significant. This Association (and all other affected water-side Associations) will need to work with the Council to obtain the best policy outcomes for ALL ISLANDERS. Make SHIRA stronger... join the Association.

Contact me about how to join.  
Thanks, Annabel,  
[secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au](mailto:secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au)

**Our SECRETARY is tearing her hair out!**  
(and the rest of the Committee too)



## RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATION

**There are about 525 residences on St Huberts Island.**  
We continue to struggle to reach a significant number of (or ideally ALL) Island residents. SHIRA is here for ALL RESIDENTS, and is run by residents.  
For us to do what you want, we need to know what that is, and keep you informed.

**We try communication using these FIVE ways:**

### The Island News - every three months

You are reading this now, so at least we have successful contact with you.  
This is a communication method that makes contact with ALL RESIDENTS, as it is delivered to ALL LETTERBOXES every three months. BUT... we all know that many people don't read any delivered material that isn't Auspost mail, and in too many cases this newsletter goes straight to the bin without being opened.  
And... demographically, there are now many residents who don't do paper. So we also use...

#### Email



Seemingly a reliable way to communicate, and we don't swamp people's email. We only send emails if it is significant. Obviously we don't give out your email address to anyone.  
BUT... we need your email address for this to work. We only have about 40% of residences on our email list.  
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#### Facebook



To contact the "paper-rejecters" and the "email deniers", we also have a Facebook page - St Huberts Island Residents Association - at [facebook.com/St-Huberts-Island-Residents-Association-1683986528496303](https://www.facebook.com/St-Huberts-Island-Residents-Association-1683986528496303)  
Again... we do not swamp our Facebook page with unnecessary posts.

[St-Huberts-Island.nsw.au](http://St-Huberts-Island.nsw.au)

**Website** (See TIDBITS on last page for more)

**EVERYTHING** goes on the website! A colour PDF of The Island News, all email and Facebook posts, SMS text items, event diary... and much much more. There is the history of SHIRA and the Island. All our archives are stored here - newsletters, AGM and other minutes, Committee members, all activities with reports and photos, a printable Island map, a weather station with accessible history graphs etc etc.

#### SMS Texts

We are about to trial sending SMS texts to your mobile phone (no graphics at this stage). We have some SHIRA member mobile numbers to use with the trial. If successful and acceptable to Islanders we will ask for ALL Islander's mobile numbers, and permission to text to them.



## A Word from the President

Fantastic to see heaps of comings and goings on the Island as properties change hands. Record prices have been set over the past months and lots of building activity continues to see investments being made to modernise properties. We welcome all new Island residents and encourage you to join your Association and attend our various activities.

We are currently awaiting the outcome of the CCC Climate Change Policy update which should be released in June after the submissions that were made have been reviewed. Subject to the outcome of the final Policy, will be the action that we will look to pursue. The recent election results in both State and Federal do hold the promise of support for the rejection of the planned Retreat option that was included in the Draft Policy particularly since the NSW Government has come out against it.

On the social front a great gathering was held at Solstice park on Easter Saturday with lots of new

residents attending and children enjoying the egg hunt, plus egg and spoon races while the BBQ and free drinks were also going great guns. Thank you to the BBQ team and setter-upperers for all their help.

A huge thank you for all those that came down to Maz and Nev's house for the Biggest Morning Tea, and thank you Maz and Nev for all your efforts!

You may have noticed extra garbage bins being installed at Attunga and Beachfront Reserves to help us keep our Island pristine. Thanks to Geoff Flynn for organising this with CCC.

Our next event is Christmas in July to be held at Daleys Kitchen on Saturday July 20. Previous dinners have booked out quickly so do not leave it till the last moment to organise your table!

Cheers

Rod

[president@sthubertisland.nsw.au](mailto:president@sthubertisland.nsw.au)

## Increased Crime - Neighbourhood Watch

There are now no monthly reporting of crime statistics by the Brisbane Water Police District. They will only notify our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator if there has been an increase or spike in offences on the Island, particularly property crime.

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.

### We have been notified that on the Island:

- ➔ There has been an increase in Break & Enter - there were two reported in April
- ➔ We should secure our property when not at home.

There has also been stealing of and from cars in Umina - it is recommended unattended cars should be locked, even at home.



**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](http://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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**ESSENTIAL INFORMATION****Short-term Rental Accommodation on the Island**

*Following is an updated version of an article in the March 2018 The Island News.  
The subsequent increased number of airBnB etc rentals on the Island, and the significant increase in noise and disruption from these houses has dictated a repeat of this article.  
If you have been affected by an airbnb residence, pay particular note of point number 5 below.*



With the rise in popularity of websites and apps such as airBnB and Stayz and the higher rental returns that such sites offer, many investment properties on the Island are increasingly being used as Short-term Rental Accommodation.

SHIRA has been contacted by residents regarding behavioural issues with some tenants at these properties. Issues such as foul language, noise problems, car parking congestion and excessive speed in canals and on our roads are some of the concerns that affect the amenity of nearby residents.

Listed below is the Central Coast Council guidelines that short-term rentals must comply with:

- ❖ The Central Coast Council uses the [Gosford Local Environmental Plan 2014](#) (last updated 28 February 2019) to define and control [short-term rental accommodation](#) when a 5-6 bedroom dwelling used as a temporary-use short-term rental accommodation requires development consent.
- ❖ Short-term rental accommodation is allowable under the [Gosford Local Environmental Plan 2014 - Schedule 2](#) as Exempt Development, if the following five items are able to be complied with:
  1. The subject dwelling must be located in a zone where dwellings are permitted with consent.  
*(All Island homes comply with this.)*
  2. **The dwelling must not contain more than 4 bedrooms.**  
*(If 5-6 bedrooms, as above, it requires Development Consent with all the associated restrictions and requirements.)*
  3. **The dwelling must be serviced by a general waste garbage bin of at least 240L capacity.**  
*(Most residential dwellings are only serviced by a 120L bin. To comply with the LEP owners must pay additional rates for a larger bin.)*
  4. If the dwelling is located in a bush fire prone area, a bush fire evacuation plan must be attached to the dwelling in a prominent location.  
*(This does not apply to Island residences.)*
  5. **There must not have been more than 2 written complaints to the Council concerning the activities taking place on the property from the occupiers of separate dwellings located within 40 metres of the subject dwelling within the preceding 12 months.**  
*(If Council receives 2 written complaints, in the timeframe noted, then the property is subjected to a DA application that will have more stringent conditions applied to the property.)*
- ❖ Where the dwelling falls outside the criteria listed above, the owner should contact Central Coast Council's planning team (phone number below) to discuss the options that may be available with respect to their property.



For further assistance in this or any other property use questions, contact Central Coast Council by phoning 4325 8222 or by emailing [ask@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ask@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au).

There is also a **Holiday Rental Code of Conduct Central Coast NSW** available for you to read on the web at [centralcoastholidays.com.au/holiday/Code-of-Conduct](http://centralcoastholidays.com.au/holiday/Code-of-Conduct).

**Island Resident...**

## A(nother?) Centenarian on St Huberts *Congratulations to Sid Atkins*

Boyd Close resident for 38 years Sid Atkins will turn 100 on 16 June. He was born in Sutton Coldfields UK, migrated to Sydney in 1926 aged 7 and was apprenticed as a stonemason. He married Joyce (now passed away) in 1940, has a daughter Maureen living in Beachfront Pde and son Laurie in Sydney. He has two great great grandchildren covering five generations!

Sid retired in 1981 and built his house in Boyd Close. He has been a keen fisherman - spear, rocks, trout tickler and knows all the top spots for crabs and blackfish in Brisbane Water. He has been a pigeon breeder and racer.

He is a long time friend of our bush stone curlews, first seeing them in 1982 on his waterfront lawn. Over the years they have nested near his house and have been sighted on his front porch this year.

Sid will be celebrating with family and close friends at the Boathouse Restaurant on his birthday, where he will also be presented with a congratulatory certificate from the Association.



**Report****FISHOS Corner**

Outside, mixed bags of flathead, morwong and some nice samson fish are being caught on mullet fillets and squid.

Brisbane Water - the water has cooled however is still producing flathead and bream at the usual hotspots such as The Rip bridge area and Half Tide Rocks.

Some nice bream are also coming from Paddys Channel with similar catches at Empire Bay.



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.

Tight lines everyone! Ken

**Event Notification****CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

Daleys Kitchen

6:30 pm Saturday 20 July

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**Island Chef Recipe**

**IslandChef**  
ST HUBERTS ISLAND

**Classic Lentil Burgers**

**Prep: 30 mins Cook: 15 mins Serving: 8 patties**

**Ingredients:**

- ◆ 2 ½ cups cooked green lentils - see Notes below for cooking
- ◆ 1 cup carrots, finely chopped
- ◆ 1 cup onion, finely chopped
- ◆ 3 cloves garlic, minced
- ◆ 1/2 cup walnuts
- ◆ 1/2 cup sunflower seeds
- ◆ 1/2 cup flour (I used chickpea flour)
- ◆ 1 cup breadcrumbs, whole grain or gluten-free
- ◆ 2 eggs
- ◆ 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- ◆ 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- ◆ 1 tablespoon fresh or dried thyme
- ◆ 1 tablespoon fresh or dried oregano
- ◆ 1 teaspoon fine sea salt
- ◆ olive oil for cooking

**Method:**

1. Using a food processor, finely chop the onion, carrots, garlic, walnuts and sunflower seeds then transfer to a large bowl. I process each ingredient individually to achieve the best texture.
2. Next add half of the cooked lentils to the food processor and pulse until they appear slightly mashed, then transfer them to the bowl along with the remaining lentils.
3. Once you have all the vegetables, lentils, nuts and seeds in the bowl, add the breadcrumbs, herbs, and salt.
4. In a small bowl, combine the beaten egg with the tomato paste and the Worcestershire. Pour the egg mixture into the bowl with vegetables and lentils and stir everything together. Sprinkle in the flour a little at a time as you continue to stir. If the mixture seems too wet, add more flour as needed. If you have time, refrigerating the mixture for about 30 minutes helps dry out some of the moisture.
5. Form eight individual patties with your hands, making sure to keep them somewhat flat with rounded edges. They will hold together better if they aren't too big or thick. At this point you can refrigerate them until you are ready to cook (for up to 2-3 days) or cook them right away.
6. Use the olive oil to cook the burgers on each side for about 5-6 minutes.

**Notes:**

To cook 1 cup dry lentils: Soak them for at least 6 hours prior to cooking. This step helps aid digestion and will reduce bloating and gas. Drain and rinse the soaked lentils then add them to a pot with 2 cups water or vegetable broth. Bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer, cover half the pot with a lid and let simmer for about 30 minutes, or until the lentils are tender. Transfer to a strainer to remove excess liquid and allow to cool before putting them in the food processor. If you can't find whole grain or gluten-free breadcrumbs, you can make your own by ripping up bread and processing to a crumb in the food processor.

**Serve with:**

Highly recommend: sliced red onion, dill pickles, mayo, and ketchup.

This recipe courtesy of Anita Venn via JoAnn Edwards from [makingthymeformealth.com/classic-lentil-burgers/](http://makingthymeformealth.com/classic-lentil-burgers/).

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## Event Reports

### Biggest Morning Tea

Saturday 18 May 2019

The Island's Biggest Morning Tea annual fundraiser for the NSW Cancer Council was again held on a beautiful Autumn morning at Marilyn and Neville Smith's front yard on Helmsman Blvd. Sponsored by the Island's Residents Association, there was ample tea, coffee and (fancy) coffee sachets, and a very successful fund-raising raffle. Turn-up was a bit disappointing with only about 30 people aiding the Cancer Council, but these people were extremely generous with **\$446** raised on the morning.



See more photos of the day on the Website [here](http://sthubertisland.nsw.au/events-reports/event-2019-may-biggest-morning-tea/) at [sthubertisland.nsw.au/events-reports/event-2019-may-biggest-morning-tea/](http://sthubertisland.nsw.au/events-reports/event-2019-may-biggest-morning-tea/)

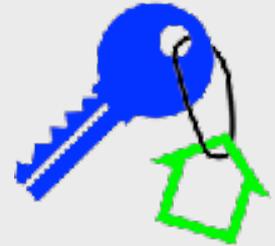
## Welcome New Neighbours

... 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.

- ★ 27 Cuttlefish
- ★ 3 Discovery
- ★ 64 Helmsman
- ★ 75 Helmsman
- ★ 11 Heron
- ★ 5 Mainsail
- ★ 20 Marina View
- ★ 6 Skiff



Contracts and transfers 22 February 2019 to 22 May 2019  
(contract date ignored).

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

## Westpac Rescue Helicopter Fundraiser & St Patricks Day Celebration

Sunday 10 March 2019

Numbers were down a little from last year - about 100 people in total this year. The weather was beautiful, the atmosphere relaxed and the food, beverage and entertainment up to it's normal high quality.

The brewed kegs of Guinness were a big hit as well as the other drinks available, and culminating in the drawing of the Monster Raffles, Hamper, and the 2 BBQ boat 1/2 day hire certificates plus other items.

Everyone enjoyed the day, and Westpac Rescue Helicopter benefitted greatly to the sum of **\$3454**.



See more photos of the day on the Website [here](http://sthubertisland.nsw.au/events-reports/event-2019-mar-westpac-st-patricks-day/) at [sthubertisland.nsw.au/events-reports/event-2019-mar-westpac-st-patricks-day/](http://sthubertisland.nsw.au/events-reports/event-2019-mar-westpac-st-patricks-day/)

## SunsetSips @ Solstice and Monster Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday 20 April 2019

For some reason, every time we hold a SunsetSips at Solstice Park, the weather is spectacular.

The first (2017) produced the most amazing sunset with "thousands" of photos taken, the second year gave us heavy rain squalls where the sunset should have been, and this year clear skies, minimal midgies and at least one cloud to photograph.



A quick headcount by the Webmaster came to about 120 big and little kids enjoying another relaxed community evening with ample sausages, rissoles, onions, champers and (responsible mid-strength) beer.

The evening was particularly successful as many "new" Island residents and their young and eager children joined the "oldies" to meet and chat with each other.

An early start to the evening (4pm) due to absent Daylight Saving, the Sunset time (5.27pm) and the late rise of the incredibly brilliant new moon (about 7pm) resulted in most revellers leaving once darkness hit.

Even the last table of "hard-core" Islanders left not long after that, leaving Mr & Mrs Webmaster and two Attungaites to chew the fat a little longer as the new moon started to light up Solstice Park, and their refreshments ran out(!!).

A great time had by all Islanders who joined the Association Committee at this SunsetSips.

See more photos of the day on the Website [here](http://sthubertisland.nsw.au/events-reports/event-2019-apr-sunsetsips-3/) at [sthubertisland.nsw.au/events-reports/event-2019-apr-sunsetsips-3/](http://sthubertisland.nsw.au/events-reports/event-2019-apr-sunsetsips-3/)

**(Tiny) Tidbits...**

**President Rod - again**

Dedicated readers of The Island News will have noticed that the "Word From The President" in this edition is from the President who was standing down from the role at the March 2019 Annual General Meeting. However, this Editor suspects significant health improvements in the family, pressure from many residents and a personal determination to take on Council regarding the many "bubbling" issues on our Island, led to the re-election of Rod Blake as President at the March 2019 AGM.

**New Committee for SHIRA**

The March 2019 AGM saw the voting in of the following Committee members:

- President** Rod Blake
- Vice President** Ron Stapleton
- Treasurer** David Mason
- Secretary** Annabel McMillan
- Committee** Kim Blake  
Vic Deeble  
Lindsey Edgar  
JoAnn Edwards  
Geoff Flynn  
Stephen Steele

**Mountain Bike Feasibility Study**

The Council wants to hear from mountain bike (MTB) riders, environmentalists, users of our natural reserves, visitors, and the general Coast community.



They want to better understand any issues around MTB riding on the Coast, and the current demand of this recreational activity.

Go to the webpage below to complete the online survey.  
[www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/MTBfeasibilitystudy](http://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/MTBfeasibilitystudy)

**St Huberts Island Website**

[sthubertsisland.nsw.au](http://sthubertsisland.nsw.au)

Constructed and maintained by the St Huberts Island Residents Association (SHIRA)

Everything that the Association creates or finds is on this website. It is the current and historical/archived material repository.

**Have a look at it... it is choc-a-bloc with all sorts of stuff to do with the Island.**  
*(All links in the article below are clickable.)*

**Events & Reports**

Keep an eye on this area - it will be constantly changing as new events come in, and reports and photos are provided

**2019**

**Coming Events**

- Saturday July 20 - Christmas in July - In Bal info here

**Reports & Photos**

- Saturday May 18 - Island's Biggest Morning Tea - REPORT and PHOTO GALLERY
- Saturday April 20 - SunsetSips 2019! - SOLISTED WITH MENSIE-LEASEREGG-HINE - REPORT and PHOTO GALLERY
- Sunday March 24 - SunsetSips 2019! - BEACH HORN! PARK - CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER (AGAIN!!)
- Thursday March 24 - Annual General Meeting - Report coming
- Sunday March 24 - St Patricks Day Celebration @ Westpac Helicopter Fundraiser - REPORT and PHOTO GALLERY
- Saturday February 9 - SunsetSips 2018! - ATTLINGA PARK - REPORT and PHOTO GALLERY

**Past Events, Reports and Photos**

**2018**

- Sunday December 23 - Santa on the Water - REPORT and PHOTO GALLERY



- ★ The navigation menu options should be obvious (?), and the more "meaty" areas are the **History**, **Events & Reports**, **Association** and **The Island News** menus.
- ★ **Events & Reports** is full of all events SHIRA organises with a report and photo gallery for each, while **The Island News** is an archive of all obtained newsletters, many in full colour with clickable links.
- ★ The **Association** button leads to a very detailed history and up-to-date status of the Association, and the **History** menu leads to a modern history of St Huberts from the book covering the Island's years from 1788 to 2000 (and in the pipeline for reprinting).
- ★ The **News** link covers several of the major issues the Island has been through (and some continue), while the **Climate Change** button focuses on the current Island issue.
- ★ (**Webmail** is only setup for SHIRA office bearers.)

**The Island News Archive**

Currently archived back to the Year 2000.

These archive files are all in PDF format.

You may be downloading the file to your computer/tablet/smart phone/etc/etc, and we are aware that although if larger, will have it's size shown.

Your web browser may open these PDF files directly in a new window or tab, or you may need Adobe Reader is the most common reader, and can be downloaded [here](#).

2021	2020	2019
March	March	March
June	June	June
September	September	September

**The Association**

Direct links to -

- Current Association Constitution - based on 2016 Act - (PDF file)
- Association Committee members
- Association General and Annual General meeting minutes
- Online Membership APPLICATION FORM
- Committee NOMINATION FORM
- Objects of the Association (PDF file)
- Association DOCUMENT ARCHIVE
- Previous Association's 1989 Constitution (PDF file)
- Current Department of Fair Trading's Model Constitution - 2009 (PDF file)
- VALE retired Association President, Ron Spratt
- SURVEY: Gym Equipment on Island Reserves **NOW CLOSED**

Sections below...

- Short history
- The Association
- Objects of Association
- The Island News
- St Huberts Day
- Entry Statement
- Future Projects

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**From the Editor...**

Feedback on the new layout last edition seems positive so we continue with it this edition. If you would like to respond to these changes, send comments and suggestions to the email address below. As you might have intuited, the theme for this newsletter is our need to communicate with as many Islanders as possible. It is a continual issue for the Committee, and we will soon be trialling SMS Text messages to Islander mobile phones. MMS (ie graphics) messages are more costly so probably won't be used.

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