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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

2020	Sat June 6 - Mon June 8	JUNE LONG WEEKEND
2020	Sat July 4 - Sun July 19	State SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
2020	Sat Sept 26 - Sun Oct 11	State SHOOOL HOLIDAYS
2020	Sat Oct 3 - Mon Oct 5	OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND

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



Galvanising the Island Community

The Canals

The Canal Pontoon License Fee fund has \$490,000 in it – see Page 7.
This fund is solely for Canal maintenance and funded by all pontoon owners.

Our Island Bridge

What does Council want to do, and what are Islanders doing.
See Page 3, and the Island Website at sthubertsisland.nsw.au/our-island-bridge.

A Good News Story

Some of our regular walkers finally couldn't walk past the "sad" gardens at the bottom of the bridge anymore. Marilyn Smith and Joy Stevenson decided it wouldn't take much effort to tart up the area around the sadly dwarfed Kentia palms.

With the help of several Islanders, they descended on them with a vigour and vengeance, and produced a neat, tidy garden in quick time.

They also had some ideas on what needed to be done to the gardens to maintain them, and also suggested one or two advanced Tuckeroo trees to eventually provide some shade and substance to the Island entry.



Island gardeners will know there are many Tuckeroos on the Island already, and as well as looking healthy, are practical and beautiful trees - check out the ones down Picnic Parade into Ettalong too.

SHIRA will be following up on Joy and Marilyn's suggestions.

We were informed several years ago it is the Council's responsibility to maintain these gardens (partly due to liability), and there was a 4-weekly maintenance cycle during the peak growth period - November to April.



A Word from the (new) President

president@sthubertsisland.nsw.au

My report, at a time of such activity required of members of the Association, is short but please accept that, it is because of limited experience in my new role as President and not lack of interest. I have only been in the position since the AGM on 12 March, but since then the Committee members have been most actively involved:

- A committee meeting was held on 18 March and the remaining Committee positions were filled.
- Then the COVID-19 restrictions hit us, and the potential effect on Island residents, particularly the elderly. A Flyer was distributed offering assistance to those residents if needed.
- Then the Council advised of the "Bridge developments" and consideration is being given to the erection of weld-mesh barriers on each side of the bridge to stop the "Bridge Jumpers".
- Another Flyer was distributed to all residents on the Island and in nearby Daleys Point, disclosing the Council's intention and it resulted in over 150 replies, all of which were forwarded to the Council. There were many passionate replies on the topic, but the vast majority were overwhelmingly opposed to the Council's proposal.
- As President, with input from the Committee, I prepared a reply letter to Council. This letter is included in this Newsletter.

- I have been contacted by Council, and advised that the responses were overwhelming, and need to be considered by Council. We await the opportunity to further discuss this with Council.

Our Flyer on the COVID-19 restrictions and the proposal to establish a "help" Register, drew interest from Jake Lapham a reporter from the ABC as he wanted material for a "good story" and that was easily provided as one of our Committee members had recently broken her ankle and so she was both someone who needed assistance but also was registered as a helper!!! And he also had a meeting with me and that in turn resulted in a further consultation with a representative from the Local papers.

Another development creating great interest is the recent disclosure by the Council that it is holding \$490,000.00 in pontoon levies which initially was a levy imposed on all persons with a pontoon on their property to provide for future dredging of canals, retaining walls etc. Council advise on these matters is also included in this Newsletter. I can only say **WATCH THIS SPACE.**

May I finish my "Word from the President" by expressing my appreciation for the interest, assistance and ready response by all Committee Members. Your enthusiasm and ready responses are enlightening.

Ken Stewart
President

Neighbourhood Watch: **NO INCREASE IN 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.

There is nothing new to report for the Island over the past few months with no rise in crime as a whole. A reminder to make sure that your property is secure in vehicles. With people home, they feel safer, but property theft from motor vehicles is still an issue for all the Central Coast in general. Otherwise, with people locked-down at home, break & enters have been down as a whole.

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From the (new) Secretary

After the AGM (Thursday 12 March 2020) the elected Committee had our first Committee meeting on Wednesday 18 March 2020, under the Chair of our new president Ken Stewart. At this meeting the unfilled positions of Treasurer and Secretary were filled. Of particular note the Secretary duties were divided as below, so more members evenly share the workload.

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Secretary Social Media	Lindsey Edgar	

This significantly helps allocate the various duties among the Committee, so that more members are involved in the Association. If in doubt, you can send any matters to the Secretary for forwarding to the appropriate Committee member.

After the March meeting, the COVID-19 restrictions hit hard on us all and no further meetings or Sunset Sips could be held. We have all been in lockdown for some while, and it is good to see the restrictions gradually and cautiously being eased.

But the Council decided to keep us all busy, by providing details of the new weldmesh safety barrier proposed for our St Huberts Bridge. The Association distributed a "letter drop" to all Island resident and relevant Daleys Pt residents showing this proposal. This caused a furore amongst the majority of residents, and over 150 responses were sent to the Council and/or the Association, for forwarding to Council. After receipt and review of these responses, the overwhelming majority of response was firmly against these new weldmesh barriers, and the Association wrote to Council on that basis. The Association's letter (via the President) is published in this Newsletter. We still await Council reply.

Geoff Flynn
secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au

St Huberts Island Bridge

Central Council's proposed "Safety Upgrade"

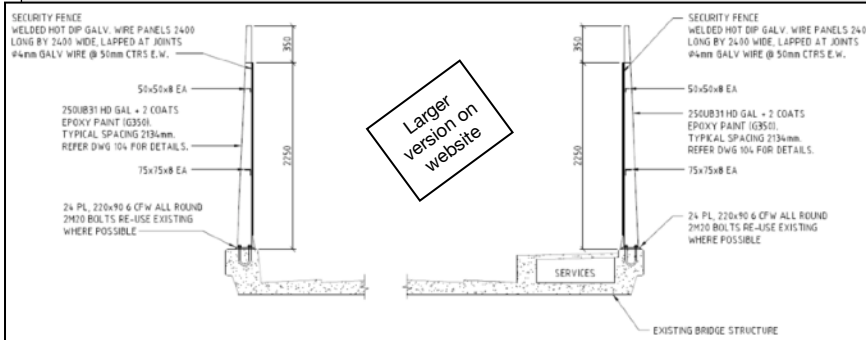
Everyone on the Island should now be aware of the Council's (unexpected) plans for a safety upgrade to OUR BRIDGE. A flyer was dropped in everyone's letterboxes, and to Daleys Point residents who also look onto the bridge.

Just in case, below are the contents of the flyer including the Council supplied sample photo and drawing.

Due to COVID-19, the Committee has been unable to meet to discuss the SHIRA reply to their 17 April 2020 email to our President. However, emails have been flying around between all Committee members and, taking into account the 157 emails sent to Council that SHIRA has seen, the SHIRA President - Ken Stewart - emailed to Council the Committee's position on the proposed Council designed and Federally funded Bridge Safety Upgrade. (See this email below.)

Time and virus factors prevented SHIRA from canvassing the opinions of all Island residents. SHIRA is aware this email to Council is not representative of Islander opinions and intend to rectify this.

WATCH THIS SPACE!!



See more on the website at
<https://sthubertsisland.nsw.au/our-island-bridge/>

To: The President of St Hubert Island Resident Association.

Dear Mr Blake,

You will be aware that Council has received funding for a safety upgrade to the St Huberts Island bridge. This project is part of the Central Coast Roads Package funded by the Australian Government through the Urban Congestion Fund.

The Project will include the removal of the existing bridge railings and replacement with safety barrier mesh fencing on both sides of St Huberts Island Bridge. This will improve the safety of pedestrians and deter improper actions of some members of the public previously experienced on the St Huberts Island Bridge.

Council have engaged an appropriately qualified civil and structural engineering consultant to design the proposed safety barrier mesh fencing in accordance with guidelines and standards.

It is anticipated tenders for the supply and installation of the new safety barrier mesh fencing will be called in June-July 2020. Once tenders have been received the timing of construction can be established. The Residents Association will be further advised of the exact date of commencement of work and provided with the name and contact details of the Council Officer who will manage the contract for the work.

A typical section of the proposed safety barrier mesh fence is shown below. (dimensions are in millimetres) **(See Above)**

An example of similar safety barrier mesh fencing is shown below. **(See Above)**

Council would be happy for the Residents Association to distribute the information contained in this letter to its members.

Council would be happy to receive written comments concerning this proposal direct from the public or through the Residents Association until the **8th May 2020**. Comments should be sent to:

Central Coast Council
 49 Mann St
 GOSFORD NSW 2250

alternatively, via email at ask@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au.

Should you have any enquiries regarding the above information I can be contacted on telephone 4325 8980 during normal business hours.

Yours faithfully
 Navneet Raheja
 Project Development Engineer

Received 17
 April 2020



5th May 2020

Project Development Engineer
 Project Development
 Central Coast Council
 P.O. Box 21 Gosford NSW. 2250

Refer Navneet Raheja
 'ask@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au'

Re: Consultation letter regarding Safety Upgrade to the
 St. Huberts Island Bridge.
 Your email of 17th April 2020.

I refer to your email addressed to Mr. Rod Blake, who, after many years of faithful service, did not stand for re-election and I am now the President of the Association.

I have been a property owner on the Central Coast continuously since 1974.

On behalf of the Association I advise that following receipt of your correspondence, a "letter drop" was done to affected residents and there were over 120 replies, the greater percentage of whom oppose the proposed installation of a weldmesh safety barrier metal fence on the Island Bridge. In reality, such a barrier would not stop the "bridge jumpers", it would not be aesthetically pleasing and not in keeping with the surrounding residential areas. All these replies have been sent to the Council.

The photograph forwarded with your correspondence, whilst demonstrating how such a barrier can be erected, does nothing but demonstrate how hideously ugly such a development would be when completed, affects not only Island residents but residents from Merritts Wharf to the Rip Bridge.

The vast majority of the replies from the residents request the repainting and restoration of the existing bridge balustrades. We further suggest, as an additional safety measure, a deterrent to stop bridge jumpers could be provided by the installation of Cameras (monitored by Council rangers and Woy Woy Police), together with new signage stating the fine for jumping from the bridge.

In passing, the brochure depicting a weldmesh barrier is not comparable with the Island bridge in that, it is on a section of elevated roadway with 4 lanes separated by a median strip, not a two-lane straight section of roadway leading to a residential area.

Kind Regards

Ken Stewart (mobile 0418 656 562)
 The President
 St Huberts Island Residents Association
 email: president@sthubertsisland.nsw.au

Meet Your New Committee

Part 1 of 3

4 of 12 committee members

Helene Cornwell

I moved from London to St Huberts Island about 11 years ago. I love the lifestyle here after returning from cold and rainy Britain - absolute paradise. Born in Newcastle NSW, I worked as a private secretary for the biggest legal firm there. I later became secretary to Sir Allen Fairhall, Federal MP for Patterson, and Defence Minister in Canberra in the '60s. Moving to Britain I joined the Australian Embassy in public relations travelling all over the UK doing promotions. I met and married my English husband there and we have a daughter, Louise, who now lives in Bensville with her family. I enjoy an active lifestyle and as I'm widowed I've joined many local groups such as seniors table tennis, walking, U3A lectures, book club, kayaking and Killcare Heights Garden Club of which I was Secretary for 3 years and President for 3 years. I've two adorable little Shi Tzu dogs who with my daughter and family nearby keep me active and busy.

Geoff Flynn

Myself and my wife Pam purchased our Mercator Pde house in mid-1998, it then being one of the original single storey, red texture brick bungalows. Over the next 4 years we rebuilt the house to its current two storey size, cement rendered and painted. One thing we did different to other Island rebuilds is that we raised the ground floor level by about 700mm by building a timber ground floor over and on top of the existing raft slab. This gives us great access to the underfloor area for services and inspections. My training as an Engineer, and one son as a builder, were very beneficial in that regard. The other thing we did differently is that we removed the existing old concrete swimming pool, and replaced it with a grass lawn. Unfortunately work commitments then took me overseas for about 12 years with projects in numerous counties in the Middle East, South Asia, and Asia. Retirement came some four years ago, with me returning to an Island lifestyle. We find the Island life gives the best of both worlds with being on the water here, but still only a little over an hours drive to where our three sons live in Sydney. We enjoy the lifestyle here, and it is good to see the continuous improvements being made on the Island.

John Irvine

Jean and I are recent arrivals from the Pearl Beach sanctuary where our family were the first European settlers. Jean taught at Empire Bay school for many years as our three daughters were growing up, while I was a paediatric psychologist writing books, newspaper articles, doing regular media appearances and running the READ clinic in Gosford/Erina. I have recently retired from clinical work and now devote some professional energy into my "Worry Woos" Emotional Intelligence program helping children in schools and preschools to become more self-confident and resilient. We love our home, our neighbours, our waterfront outlook, our community - even the sandflies have made us feel particularly welcome.

Steve Steele

Married to Gail (of Ab Fab Ceramics "fame") and we have three wonderful sons. One lives and works overseas with his wife and two of our little grand-daughters, another lives in Sydney with his wife and our third little grand-daughter, and the third son just moved back to Sydney from the Coast. I "moved" from Tamworth to Terrigal at 2yo and was raised there. After University there was lots of moving around including Stanwell Park, back to Terrigal, Bathurst, and around Sydney at various times. I started out as a Science teacher, then a builder and finally back to teaching Chemistry and IT for 17 more years, finally clocking-off in 2006 as a Head of Department at a major Sydney private school. We have been contented St Huberts residents since 2003 and currently living with our new very lively growing puppy! We are particularly happy at the moment as our Singapore family is "trapped" in Australia due to the Coronavirus, and renting very close to us - the gradual easing of COVID-19 restrictions are giving us unexpected contact with them (although truthfully it's the time with the grand-daughters not the other two 😊).



Speeding Buses *@#

Several residents have complained to the Association about buses speeding on the Island, particularly on Helmsman Bvd. Residents report the worst times are the early morning 5.25am & 5.55am bus, after dropping school children in the afternoon, and then after 8pm. The Association has passed these concerns on to Customer Service at Busways, who have assured us they will forcefully raise these matters with their drivers.

If residents have noticed any further instances of speeding buses, can they please record times, dates and the bus number, and pass on to the Association.

As Busways replied to SHIRA - "I have logged your complaint through Transport for NSW. In order to best address your concerns, are you able to provide a specific example of time, date and route that this speeding has taken place? The more information I have to go on the better. I understand your concern is more general in nature and I will address that with the depot, but a specific case is extremely helpful to build a case around".

Island Chef Recipe



This recipe courtesy of Kim Blake.

Need a change?

With LOCK-DOWN rules easing it's time to re-start outdoor entertaining (before it gets cold). Try this easy recipe on them.

Mushroom & Walnut Pate

Ingredients:

- ◆ 1 cup of walnuts
- ◆ 1 tbsp olive oil
- ◆ 1 onion, chopped
- ◆ 6 cloves of garlic, minced
- ◆ 2 cups of button mushrooms (250g)
- ◆ 1/2 cup parsley, chopped
- ◆ 2 tbsp fresh rosemary, chopped
- ◆ 1 tsp salt
- ◆ 1/2 tsp pepper

Method:

1. Toast walnuts in a dry frypan over medium heat. Don't let them burn. Shake the pan often. As soon as they start browning on the edges remove from heat. Add to food processor.
2. Return pan to heat, add olive oil. When hot add onions and garlic and sauté for around 4 minutes. Add remaining ingredients and cook for 5-8 minutes until mushrooms have cooked.
3. Add mushrooms to food processor, pulse, scrape sides as needed until you reach a pate texture. Press into a container for serving and let it chill in fridge before serving.

Makes a nice change from animal based pates!!
Enjoy !

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

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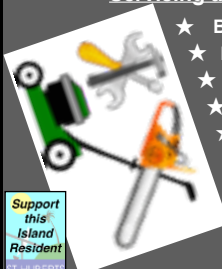
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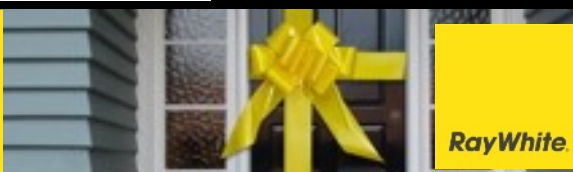
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INTERESTING!!!... Canal Maintenance

Mid-May, the Association received this email (below) from Central Coast Council.

For those residents on the Canals of the Island, there are some very interesting revelations from Council.

A recent Committee meeting realised that a reply and action resulting from this email will require some careful consideration and investigation involving: options; funding; expertise and very likely forming an Island group to take on these tasks.

WATCH THIS SPACE!!

Subject: Response to Pontoon fees question from 14 April 2020 email

The Secretary
St Huberts Island Residents Association

I have realised that a response was not provided to the following question:

"The funds Council is currently holding from the Pontoon fees, we understand this is around \$400,000. This was intended to be for maintenance of the canals, which has never been done. The canals need to be maintained/dredged and the sands returned to the front of the seawalls. There are about 10 properties on the island, where seawalls have dramatically moved, or fallen over, due to the sand being depleted or washed away from the front of the seawalls. These sands have settled in the bottom of the canals. The canals are Council property and need to be maintained, and we were told the pontoon monies was for this purpose."

St Huberts Island Jetty Levy: Council has a restricted fund called the St Huberts Island Jetty Levy, which has a current balance of \$490,000. Income has been generated from licence fees from structures built on the Council owned internal canals. These licence fees are similar to the Domestic waterfront licence on foreshore Crown land that apply to the waterfront properties on the external perimeter of St Huberts Island (which is payable to the NSW Government). In 1999 the former Gosford City Council resolved that these funds are to be used for maintenance and improvements within the canals.

Dredging: The present depth of the canals is not less than the depth of the waterways surrounding the island. Council has not received complaints about navigation in the canals.

Maintenance of seawalls: this is the responsibility of each property owner. The original seawalls were built by the developer at the time of subdivision and are located on private property just inside of the foreshore property boundaries. Any proposed seawall replacement with a new seawall of greater than 1m in height would require a Development Application.

Clearing of stormwater outlets: Council's Roads & Drainage Maintenance have initiated a major project this year to clear stormwater outlets at several sites in Brisbane Water, including all the outlets at St Huberts Island. Work will begin firstly at the highest priority sites including Hardys Bay and Point Clare before moving on to other areas such as St Huberts Island. This work will include removal of silt and vegetation at stormwater Outlets

Beach scraping: Scraping of dry sand on canal waterfront properties can be carried out by residents by hand to depths of no more than 300mm. Council's Geotechnical Laboratory carried out geotechnical testing in March 2019, which found acid sulphate soils at 500mm depth at several testing locations in the canals. Any scraping of up to 500mm will require an Acid Sulphate Management Plan, which would require over excavating, mixing with lime and re-spreading. Such works would have a high risk of environmental impacts. Hence beach scraping on the canal foreshores by earthmoving machinery is not recommended.

Regards
Peter Sheath
Section Manager
Waterways
Central Coast Council

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 Attunga
- ★ 12 Cuttlefish
- ★ 67 Helmsman
- ★ 91 Helmsman
- ★ 17 Marina View
- ★ 10 Skiff

House sales and transfers 23 February 2020 to 18 May 2020

(contract date ignored).

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

Report

FISHOS Corner

Not much is happening during the current health crisis.

There were a few boats around the Rip Bridge during the ANZAC

Day weekend but no reports of anything substantial being caught. Lots of beach fishing around Ettalong Point and Ocean Beach with the odd salmon being landed.



Ettalong Hotel Fishing Club and Ettalong Diggers Fishing Club have stopped weigh-ins until further notice.

When we get back to normal both clubs are always looking for active fishos to join their clubs.

For further details contact Ken, Nev or Richard via the St Huberts Island website at islandnews@sthubertsisland.nsw.au.

If you have caught a fish or two lately and want to share it with our readers, simply email your pics as well as details: where, when caught etc to the Editor Island News.

Tight lines! Ken

Tidbits...

✿ It's time to talk about:

- **Mountain PYGMY POSSUMS**
- **BOGONG MOTHS**
- **HOUSE LIGHTING**

The tiny 10 to 50 gram **Mountain Pygmy Possum** is Australia's only hibernating marsupial, due to their alpine and sub-alpine existence.



They are **ENDANGERED**.

Their four other species are **now extinct**, and this (supposed extinct) species was only rediscovered in 1966 at Mt Higginbotham in Victoria.

And... their diet is mainly **Bogong Moths**.

And... Bogong moths are having their own problems that impact on the pygmy possum.

In early September these moths travel from Queensland to Victoria. However they are not reaching Victoria because they become confused by the **millions of lights** on their migration path.

Hence the pygmy possum has no food source when they wake from hibernation, and their babies are dying in their pouches. Only 5% survived in 2018.

Last year in September and October, Zoo Victoria launched **"Lights Off For Moths"** campaign.

Whether the Zoo runs this campaign again this year or not, we can ALL HELP. Put it in your Calendar/Diary NOW and turn off any unnecessary external lights during September and October. This will allow the Bogong moths to continue on their journey.

✿ **Australia Post Letterbox**

The story behind the disappearance of OUR LETTERBOX outside Raine & Horne had many twists and turns before it was replanted - although more dwarf-like - in its original position!

It was an 11 day saga starting about 21 March when residents saw it gone. SHIRA hypothesised it was due to cost-cutting by Australia Post. We then contacted AusPost to be told it was due to low volumes of less than 25 articles per day.

During the early days we also made contact with Federal Member Lucy Wicks. About 26 March more residents were complaining to AusPost, and the idea arose of bad siting of the post box that may have contributed to the low volumes - only 1/2 the Island actually pass the post box. SHIRA then started discussing a better site for the box - **if it was to return**. Nearer to or at the bottom of the bridge were the other sites considered.

THEN... 10 days later the post box returned - to it's original site (before SHIRA had a chance to possibly have it re-sited.)!!

And then the next day SHIRA was told by AusPost that the box was taken away for repairs as the bottom of the post was corroded - which may explain the shorter stature of the "new" letterbox, and the "anti-corrosion gunk" at the bottom of the post.

Two very different stories from AusPost for the same letterbox, but the Editor did notice how neatly the hole in the synthetic grass the box was planted in was oh-so-carefully repaired after the box was taken away - almost as if it had gone forever!!

Anyway...

✿ **Tuckeroo Trees**

Those of you who read the "Good News Story" on the front page of this edition would have noticed the mention of Tuckeroos on the Island. This Editor had never heard of Tuckeroos before Council planted two at Solstice Park several years ago - and they didn't fare too well.

After Marilyn and Joy mentioned them to the Editor, he went hunting and photographing, and discovered they are everywhere on the Island, and incredibly good-looking and healthy trees at that.



Research indicates they are perfectly suited to the Island - their habitat being forests on sand or near estuaries - from Seven Mile Beach (where Kingsford Smith used the beach as his runway for his first commercial flight between Australia and New Zealand) near Gerrigong to New Guinea.

They are not large trees and are salt tolerant - up to 10 metres and a trunk diameter of 50 cm, yet an excellent shade and street tree.

Flowering in May to July, followed by fruit formation in October to December means the tree is a magnet for pollinating insects and a wide variety of birds for half the year.



✿ **Street Library**

The Street Library is ready... but then COVID-19 "reared it's ugly head".

The Street Library box that was purchased, painted, and to be installed and co-maintained by Chris Ireland/Raine & Horne Real Estate, was finalised until SHIRA began considering the processes and rules involved in its use... and it was decided it was too risky due to the Coronavirus.

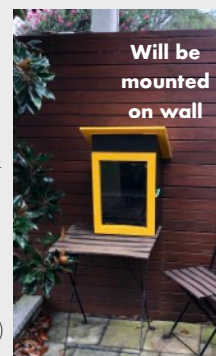
Research has indicated that libraries will be quarantining their books for 1 to 3 days after being touched. Treatment of the covers (and pages!) is difficult and not recommended due to liquids affecting the cardboard/paper. It is also recommended that readers of library books need to follow good hygiene practices, especially hand-washing.

As soon as NSW Health gives the appropriate nod, the Street Library box will begin operation.

It will be mounted on the timber wall along the NW side of the Raine & Horne property. It is protected from the worst of the weather there and can be seen from the shopfront.

The simple rules for the use of the St Huberts Island Street Library (when started) will be:

- * Do not dump books - only swap
- * Do not leave more than you take
- * If the box is full do not leave books in the area as they will only get blown around or wet and need to be disposed of
- * Remember this is just a community book swap box
- * Hope you enjoy using this facility



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From the Editor...

So much has happened since the last newsletter. The March AGM, while not hugely attended, resulted in an excellent and highly competent Committee of 12 people. A great result considering what followed - the surprising decision to erect the most inappropriate barricade to stop jumpers and then the confirmation of the huge dollars in the special CCC Canal Maintenance fund, will keep them busy "fighting" for ALL Islanders. Once the Bridge safety upgrade is dealt with, the maintenance of canals will be next. **YOU need SHIRA. Support YOUR SHIRA. JOIN SHIRA.**

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