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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

2020	Sat September 26 - Sun October 11	State SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
2020	Sat October 3 - Mon October 5	OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND
2020	Sun October 4	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS begins At 2 am clocks "spring forward" to 3 am
2020	Thu December 17 - Tue January 26 2021	Christmas State SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**At the recent August Committee meeting it was determined there will be no SunsetSips events scheduled for the remainder of the year, unless circumstances change significantly.**

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

### The ISLAND BRIDGE Edition

It appears SHIRA - Island Residents - Daleys Point Residents - Peninsula Residents - Brisbane Water Residents - Central Coast Visitors & Tourists have all lost out.

**Unnecessary/unsuccessful Visual Pollution is about to be inflicted on all of us.**

SHIRA suddenly had foisted upon it a design letter, then the sole responsibility of informing residents, then the sole role of getting residents to reply to Council's design - with no clear publicised Council Consultation Period.

We now know a huge proportion of concerned residents don't want this Bridge Railing design, and neither does SHIRA.

Find a FINAL exchange of letters inside on Page 3 and 4, and a time-line of the whole unsuccessful saga on the Island's website at [sthubertsisland.nsw.au/our-island-bridge/](http://sthubertsisland.nsw.au/our-island-bridge/).

STOP PRESS: too late for this edition, but we are aware of a new private resident led campaign against the project.

**... but first... another GOOD NEWS STORY for the front page of the The Island News**



## The Attunga Park Gardener

Many Islanders have regularly seen Barbara Lyden power-walking all round the Island and further afield. All up she covers 6 to 8 kilometres a day. Her walking, with gardening and many other activities, maintain her "youth" and belie her recently celebrated 80th birthday in June.

Users of Attunga Park will have recently (July) seen a significant improvement in the appearance and quality of the gardens at the Park due to Barbara's efforts, aided by a large pile of mulch provided by Central Coast Council.

From all Islanders, thanks to Barbara and her gardening prowess.



## A Word from the President

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

The “Bridge Safety Upgrade” has kept us very busy over the last three months with correspondence between ourselves and Council, phone calls and meetings, plus dialogue with local Political members.

However, Council in its letter of 1 September, 2020, is adamant that the mesh barriers will be installed as Councils overriding concern is safety. They feel the new mesh barriers will not significantly affect the appearance.

Council’s letter of 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2020, is included in this Newsletter, together with my reply letter of 17th September, 2020. The reason for the delay in dates was to enable Council to obtain the approval of the Federal Funding Authority, to the publication of its letter and Council has advised there has been no objection.

This final mesh barrier outcome will not please everybody, and indeed does not please our Association. However, Council is committed to the erection of these barriers and is about to call tenders.

Ken Stewart

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### 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.

As per the new (September 2019) Brisbane Water Police District Neighbourhood Watch policy of only reporting an increase or spike in crime on the Island, we report...

There is nothing new to report for the Island over the past few months with no significant rise in crime as a whole.

(However SHIRA was made aware of two Break & Enters a week apart in Mainsail Ave.)

Ensure you report any/all crime.

#### **LOCK YOUR CARS**

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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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### **From the Secretary**

The last 3 months have seen the Committee Members focused on the proposed Council safety upgrade of the St Huberts Island Bridge, with several meetings held with Council, and various items of correspondence. This has turned out to be a very emotive and contentious issue. The outcome will be covered in the President’s report, and elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Socially it has been totally quiet, with the combination of winter and the COVID restrictions. We have not been able to organise any social activities. Even now with the weather starting to warm up, we would normally be thinking of SunsetSips, but again the COVID implications limit our chance to mingle.

Island residents continue to complain of speeding vehicles, especially buses, on Helmsman Blvd and we have again written to Busways requesting they enforce the 50kmph speed limit with their drivers. The next step will be to seek assistance from Gosford and Woy Woy police to assist in enforcing the 50kmph speed limit.

Similarly residents complain of speeding boats, especially jet skis, in the canals with some boaters ignoring the 4 knot limit. This is especially the case during the weekends and holiday periods when many households have visitors to the Island, and a noticeable increase of vessels in the canals. Again we will be asking Maritime to assist in enforcing the 4 knot limit.

This last month we have lost two Committee Members with Naomi Warren resigning as she and her husband move off the Island, and Lindy Wilson also resigning. So we have two vacant positions - if any island residents are interested in nominating then please contact me.

Geoff Flynn  
[secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au](mailto:secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au)



## SHI Bridge Railing "upgrade"...

### Central Coast Council refuses to budge on Community rejection

Below (and continued over the page) is the email that "sets-in-concrete" the Central Coast Council St Huberts Island Bridge Railing Safety Upgrade project: the first email is SHIRA's (futile) official reply to Council's planned project, followed by Council's final three-page email to SHIRA, putting the project "to bed" and indicating no movement whatsoever on Community concern over the entire project.



Take a good look now - this is the beautiful vista we won't see any more.  
Sorry about blocking the clear blue sky!

17<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Mr Jay Spare  
Unit Manager  
Roads Asset Planning and Design  
Central Coast Council  
P.O. Box 21 Gosford NSW. 2250  
'ask@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au'

Re: Safety Upgrade to the St Huberts Island Bridge.  
Your letter of 1 September 2020.

Dear Sir,

We refer to your letter as referenced above, in which you advise that Council will be proceeding with the weldmesh safety barriers to the St Huberts Island Bridge. We note that your letter which although dated 1 September was actually received by us on 9 September. Your email of 16 September advised that this delay was so that Council could show the draft letter to the Federal Grant funding authority, which you advise approved the letter with no requested changes.

We acknowledge these correspondences from Council, as referenced above, but we feel this letter and the intended weldmesh safety barriers will be unacceptable to the vast majority of residents, and indeed the SHIRA Committee.

Kind Regards  
Ken Stewart (SHIRA President)

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1 September 2020

The President  
St Huberts Island Residents Association

Dear Mr Ken Stewart

#### St Huberts Island Bridge Safety Barrier Upgrade - Meeting 28 August 2020

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with yourself, Vice President Ron Stapleton and Secretary Geoff Flynn to discuss the issues raised via community consultation for the proposed St Huberts Island Bridge Safety Barrier Upgrade project. This letter provides a summary of issues discussed and it is understood that the letter may form part of the Residents Association's newsletter that is distributed to the community.

Council is in receipt of many requests for safety improvements on the St Huberts Island Bridge which predominantly relate to restricting the opportunity for persons to jump from the bridge. Dating back many years the Residents Association, residents, community members and boat users along with Members of Parliament and the media have been vocal in having safety improvements undertaken to restrict jumping from the bridge.

In consultation with the Residents Association in the past, Council installed prominent warning signage on the bridge to prohibit jumping and arranged Ranger patrols of the area in an attempt to discourage the activity. Additionally, Council wrote to the NSW Police to request increased patrols of the area particularly in the summer months.

Following further advocacy from the Residents Association, Council investigated a wide range of options to further restrict bridge jumping resulting in the identification of suitable safety barrier. The project was successful in gaining funding via the Central Coast Roads Package which was announced by the Australian Government through the Urban Congestion Fund and as result Council is now able to finalise design and implement the project.

Council commenced public consultation on the project through the Residents Association on April this year. In response to the feedback, the consultation period was extended and closed on 18 May 2020. There was a total of 223 submissions on the project with most responses concerned about the visual impact of the fence. Other issues raised related to obstruction of views, devaluation of property, requests for CCTV in lieu of a fence and the ability of the proposed barrier to deter bridge jumpers. There were also a large number of submissions that supported the proposal. Council will be providing a direct response to each person who made a submission.



Council considered a wide range of safety barrier options in the initial development of this project in 2010. Additional investigations were also undertaken once the grant funding was announced to see if there were any new viable options on the market. The options considered included safety glass, perspex, plastic-coated chain wire, fabricated steel barriers (similar to a pool fence) as well as the proposed galvanised steel mesh.

The assessment process considered the condition of the bridge, construction methodology, structural loadings, Australian Standards and best practice guidelines, visual impacts, construction costs, vandalism potential and ongoing maintenance requirements.

It was quickly recognised that a primary consideration was the structural capacity of the existing bridge. Structural engineering reports recommended that the weight of the new safety barrier should not exceed the weight of the existing fence. This immediately ruled out the use of heavier fabricated steel barriers and also solid fence options like safety glass or perspex which increase the wind loading that is transferred to the existing structure.

Of the remaining safety barrier options, the galvanised steel mesh was considered the best as it is industry standard, requires the least amount of structural reinforcement and provides the most effective barrier to prevent climbing.

#### Obstruction of Views and Property Valuations

The obstruction of view from the bridge for road users and adjacent residences is not expected to be significant. The mesh panels between each support post will still allow those using to bridge to experience the view of Brisbane Water and St Hubert's Island itself.

The proposed fence is approximately 2.4m high and would be same height regardless of which fence option was used. The proposed galvanised steel mesh requires less structural support than the other fence options and no cross-beams whatsoever. As a result, the galvanised steel mesh has the least amount of view blockage from solid structural supports.

Council is currently developing concept images to demonstrate the type of indicative views each fencing option would provide. This will be included in the response letter to each community member who made a submission.

The devaluation of property was not discussed during our recent meeting, but Council does not consider that the replacement of the bridge fencing with an alternate barrier fence will impact on improvements to individual properties and therefore will have no effect on property valuations.

#### Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)

Remote surveillance via CCTV was considered as part of the initial project development. This option was not supported as Council's CCTV network is not permanently monitored meaning

bridge jumping activity would continue to be unregulated and as a result would not deliver on the core project objective.

Council is in the process of reviewing its CCTV strategy to better understand how and where to deploy CCTV surveillance. The new strategy will establish a framework to prioritise sites for new CCTV installations and define service levels in relation to active or passive monitoring. CCTV on St Hubert's Island bridge will be reconsidered once the Strategy has been finalised.

#### Bridge Jumping Restriction

The primary objective of this project is to address the safety issues associated with bridge jumping. If left unmitigated there is a high risk of a person being seriously injured or killed. That risk is not only to those jumping from the bridge but also adjacent road users and those that may be on the water in the landing zone. Council now has an opportunity, and legal obligation, to mitigate that risk.

The proposed safety barrier is considered the best option to deter bridge jumpers due to the difficulties presented with climbing the proposed barrier. Measures will also be put in place to prevent people from climbing along the outside of the proposed safety barrier from each end of the bridge.

#### Project Delivery Timelines

Tenders for supply and installation of the safety barrier is expected to be complete by the end of the 2020. Construction work to install the safety barrier on the bridge is expected to commence in February 2021. The existing steel pedestrian fence will be removed and recycled as part of this process.

Removal of the existing fencing and installation of the new safety barrier will impact on pedestrian and vehicle traffic access. Impacts will be minimised by the implementation of appropriate traffic and pedestrian controls during construction. The exact nature of those control will be established in consultation with the successful contractor for the works.

The Residents Association and community feedback on this project has been important to Council as it has been over many years. The opportunity to have a robust and constructive discussion as we worked through the issues raised by the community feedback was extremely valuable and has helped to refine the final project scope.

Yours sincerely



Jay Spare

**Unit Manager, Roads Assets Planning & Design**  
**Central Coast Council**



## Meet Your New Committee

### Part 2 of 3

#### 4 of 12 committee members

#### Michael Lyden

My wife Barbara and I arrived on the Island eight years ago from Castle Hill. We were familiar with the Island as relatives of Barbara's had three houses on St Huberts over a 40 year period and as we visited we became very impressed with the Island location and lifestyle.

I worked with Qantas IT for 22 years as a senior engineer before retiring, and Barbara was employed in home science with the NSW Education Department. In June this year we celebrated 60 years of marriage and are in receipt of a personal message from both HRH and the GG but we don't expect they will be dropping in for tea and bikkies any time soon.

Our two children, Leanne and Mark, have also been busy producing seven grandchildren over the years which has given much joy and also kept us on our toes!

Barbara has a keen interest in gardening and power walking and has a reputation as the "walking lady", clocking up on average eight kilometres a day around the Island. My interest lie in golf as a keen but untalented hitter combined with unsuccessful fisherman skills.

With the friendships we have made and the St Huberts ambience we are as happy as ducks in our Island home.

#### Ken Stewart

My late wife and myself purchased at Mercator Parade in early 2007 having moved from Terrigal, and we owned a residence on the Central Coast continuously from 1974.

I worked in the State Public Service, qualifying as a Solicitor in 1967. Going into private practice as a Solicitor in 1971, I initially practiced at Liverpool and then "returned home to Parramatta" in 1982 to operate as a Sole Practitioner. In 1988 I became a Barrister and purchased Chambers at Lachlan Macquarie Chambers in Parramatta and right next door to the Court House where I remained until 2014. At this time I intended retiring, which never happened but will happen in the coming months.

My reference to "returning home to Parramatta" is related to the fact that I first worked at the Parramatta Court House in April 1958 and had several moves from and to the Parramatta Court House over the ensuing decade. I had the great honour of playing Rugby League for the Parra Eels from 1961 until 1964 in the lower grades, and playing in the first ever premiership side in 1964. My playing days for the Eels were brought to an end by my employer transferring me to Wollongong where I played for Dapto until being returned to Sydney by my employer two years later.

My late wife and I were extremely fortunate to have been able to purchase a house before marriage, primarily from my football earnings from Dapto and we later lived at Baulkham Hills and Castle Hill until taking up residence in Terrigal.

My interest in and association with "The Coast" has been a very rewarding and pleasant experience. I thoroughly enjoy where I live and being able to catch a Blue Swimmer, a flathead or two etc from the back yard takes a lot of beating. My late wife and I had two children both of whom now reside on the Coast and are actively involved in community activities and my five grand children have above average sporting abilities so weekends are normally busy times.

I look forward to my new role and ask for your tolerance and support as I "settle in".

#### Naomi Warren (reluctantly resigned September 2020)

*[It was mutually decided to remove Naomi's description of herself as she is no longer on the Committee.]*

*We thank Naomi for her six months on the SHIRA Committee during a time of COVID difficulties, and the turmoil presented to SHIRA by the unexpected April letter of the Council's plans for our Bridge.]*

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## Island Chef Recipe



**IslandChef**  
ST HUBERTS ISLAND

*This recipe courtesy of  
Lindy Wilson.*

*Let's look to our pantry for cooking  
inspiration.*

### Pantry Fritters

#### Ingredients:

- ✦ 1- 2 eggs, lightly whisked
- ✦ 1 1/2 cups (225g) self-raising flour (or 225g plain flour + 3 tsp baking powder)
- ✦ 1/2 cup (125ml) milk (or equivalent using milk powder)
- ✦ 2 tbsp herbs (dried or fresh)
- ✦ Pepper and salt to taste
- ✦ THEN ADD whatever is around like canned or frozen corn, peas, left overs like roast meat, chopped roasted potato or pumpkin, tinned asparagus, baked beans, cooked pasta...

#### Method:

1. Drop Into hot lightly oiled pan 2tbs portions of fritter mix
2. Cook until bubbles appear on the surface.
3. Turn and cook until golden brown and cooked through. Repeat.

#### TOP with leftovers from fridge or tinned food:

- ☒ Stir fried veggies and tinned beans (any kind)
- ☒ Fried egg
- ☒ Leftover takeaway curry
- ☒ Tinned salmon or tuna
- ☒ Tomato and onion
- ☒ Maple syrup/honey and bacon
- ☒ Smoked oysters
- ☒ Whatever...

### Enjoy !

Email your special IslandChef recipe to [islandnews@sthubertsland.nsw.au](mailto:islandnews@sthubertsland.nsw.au) for possible inclusion in a future issue.

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

## St Huberts Island Men's Interest Group

### Expressions of Interest

Our SHIRA Vice President, Ron Stapleton, has voiced a concern that there are a number of Islanders who are quietly struggling with life at the moment - whether it be COVID, isolation, loneliness, missing family, family issues, health issues, and more.

Ron is particularly aware of several senior male Islanders in particular, and with Ron at the helm, the SHIRA Committee is looking at forming an interest group for Senior Gentlemen that would like to meet once a month for amongst other activities:

- friendship
- company
- cards
- tea/coffee get togethers
- a wander through a park
- throw a sausage on the barbie and washed down with a beer
- fishing
- arranging home help and sometimes medical assistance
- access to the Ettalong Men's Shed
- and any other suggestions that arise while having a yarn



We have some professional people on the island who have offered their assistance in relation to these needs.

Any interested people can contact Ron Stapleton.

**Email** - [ron.stapleton@gmail.com](mailto:ron.stapleton@gmail.com) or

**Phone** - 0408 414 604

SHIRA wants to be made aware of any senior female Islanders who are also quietly and unsuccessfully struggling so we can try in our small ways to help them.

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(Weather is Warming!)  
(People about to flock to the Beach?)

## Killcare Surf Club NEEDS YOU!!!!

Killcare Surf Club needs new members to join and be trained to gain their bronze medallions, so the Club can maintain their (essential) half day patrols.

Right now Killcare Surf Club need twenty additional members so that they can retain the 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**



A recent Sunday morning resulted in a possible serious spinal injury with no feeling in the patient's legs. With the patient treated in textbook manner, Tristan Edema, on his first patrol ever, was first on the scene. Other Rookies did crowd and traffic patrol, followed by the normal every-patrol stings and head wounds.

Appears after a long recovery and rehab, the man will walk out of hospital.



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**[killcaresurfclub.com.au/newsitem.php?id=30](http://killcaresurfclub.com.au/newsitem.php?id=30)**



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## (No end of) Fishing Brags

**Friday 10 July 2020**

An 88cm kingfish caught today by Scott Halliday, son of (and fish held by) Island resident Bruce Halliday. It was caught offshore on live squid bait.



**5 August 2020**

A 1 metre jewfish caught at the Rip Bridge by resident Ron Stapleton.

**8 August 2020**

This 110cm kingfish was caught offshore on live squid. Fish held by Reece, the fishing companion of Scott Halliday (a serial Bragger along with his dad Bruce).

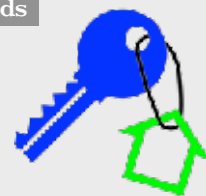


## Welcome New Neighbours

... 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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House sales and transfers 19 May 2020 to  
7 September 2020  
(contract date ignored).

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

## Report

### FISHOS Corner

The water is still pretty cool at the moment and there is not much around. However, outside the leather jackets are destroying tackle but the occasional snapper and morwong are there, as well as flathead on the sand flats.

There are reports of mullet being caught at the usual hot spot - the Rip Bridge area - and flathead at Halftide Rocks, Empire Bay, Paddys Channel and Koolewong.

Big leather jackets are hanging around the wharves in Brisbane Water as well as the odd bream.

Today's photo is from Ken, your Fisho columnist with a mixed bag of leather jackets and flathead caught outside recently.

Ettalong Hotel Fishing Club and Ettalong Diggers Fishing Club are not conducting weigh-ins at the moment due to COVID. However they are always looking for active fishos to join their clubs. For further details contact Ken, Nev or Richard via the St Huberts Island website.

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



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## Tidbits...

### ✿ Sand Fly recipe

Bill and Ruth Jansen from Salacia reckon they have the upcoming Midgie season sorted out with this recipe for repellent...

Having been an island resident for the past 20 years, your readers may find the following home made insect repellent against sand flies helpful as my family have found it very effective particularly in the early morning and at sunset.

Mix 50ml of baby oil with 10ml of Dettol and add 2 drops of dishwashing detergent.

Shake well then top up with 100ml water and place in a standard plastic spray bottle. Apply to the arms and legs to keep the sand flies at bay.

### ✿ St Huberts Street Library

Many weeks ago, the new St Huberts Island Street Library was "planted" and can be found at the front of the Raine & Horne Real Estate office on Helmsman.



It is not officially open due to COVID-19 however as it is now in position people have been using it. Residents are welcome to use at their own discretion, being mindful of the requirements and impacts of the current pandemic.

### ✿ ACTIVISM on St Huberts Island

There have been some ongoing discussions in the current Committee's meetings regarding the upcoming Council elections. In June 2020 the NSW Government announced the next Local Government elections will be held on Saturday 4 September 2021 - about 12 months away. For some time there has been concern that our three Gosford East Ward Councillors have not

represented our St Huberts Island issues or concerns well. They are currently Rebecca Gale, Jane Smith and Jeff Sundstrom. One of them has basically never replied to any contact, another acknowledgement replies, while the remaining Councillor has been of partial help.

It is the Committee's intention to closely investigate each of our current Ward Councillors to determine their suitability for re-election to the next Council as our representatives.

Any new residents standing for election in the Gosford East Ward will also undergo our scrutiny once they have nominated.

SHIRA intend to become more active as the next Council will be developing and implementing several significant future policies and activities that will have a direct impact on the Island. These include the Greening of St Huberts, and Council intentions, plans and decisions around Climate Change including flood zones and mapping, and Planned Retreat.

Watch this space.

### ✿ When is your membership due?

As you are all aware - both Members and Non-members (?) of the Association - a one year SHIRA membership is \$5 per household, or \$20 per household for a four-year period.

It is surprising and a concern that more Islanders are not SHIRA members despite the Association working for and representing ALL ISLANDERS.

For members there has been a bit of confusion within past Committees as to when to ask Islanders to renew their membership, and this confusion happened every 12 months.



So... we now clarify and set two variables in "concrete":

1. **There will only be offered a 4 year membership @ \$20**
2. **The Membership year will be 1 July to 30 June.**

### ✿ Speeding on the Island (AGAIN!!)

This email was recently sent to Busways -

*"We continue to get more complaints about speeding buses on the island, particularly on Helmsman Blvd. There are also complaints of other speeding vehicles, but the buses are the most visible.*

*As said previously, residents report the worst times are early morning being 5.25am & 5.55am bus & after dropping the school children in afternoons, & then later 8pm on.*

*We now feel that we will have to ask Woy Woy Police to assist in controlling drivers who ignore the 50km/h speed limit."*

And the Editor notes other vehicle speeding seems rampant as well. Any Police radar on the Island may well see more than bus drivers being caught and fined.



### From the Editor...

*I've called this edition the Island Bridge edition. Two extra pages have been added to enable readers to be fully up to date with Council's planned Bridge project.*

*In April 2020 SHIRA held a "campaign" to inform, encourage response and collect comments from the Community. We understand CCC only received 223 comments from a 500+ property Island combined with the Daleys Point residents notified of the project, all being impacted - but a far-from-convincing number of replies!*

*Consequently Central Coast Council clearly and deliberately ignored the overwhelming number of comments calling for the dumping or significant modification of the planned project.*

*They stated they were going ahead with the weldmesh barriers regardless of any Community comments, consultations or representations from SHIRA and others!*

*Hmmmmmm.....*

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