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'The Central Coast's Island in the Sun'

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

2021	Friday July 16	CHRISTMAS IN JULY	Details below
	Daleys Kitchen	6pm	The first formal sit-down function in two years
2021	Thursday August 12	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	(The postponed March 2021 AGM)
	The Cove Hall	7.30pm	See Notice below
2021	Sunday November 7	St Huberts Day FAMILY BBQ	
	Long Arm Park	11am	Advance Notice

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

St Huberts Island Residents Association
invites all residents and friends to our

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

on Friday 16 July 2021 at 6pm at

Daleys Kitchen

6 Poole Close, Empire Bay Drive, Daleys Point
(New Owners - Michael Halls & Sarma Sadowski)

Menu

Alternate Drop

Roast Turkey Breast and Roast Pork

with roast vegetables, steamed greens, gravy & cranberry reduction

Glazed Honey Baked Ham and Roast Pork

with roast vegetables, steamed greens, gravy & trimmings

Desserts

Choice of two

Classic Christmas Pudding

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Rich Chocolate Mudcake

with Ganache Sauce & Ice Cream

BYO

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Payment on the Night

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at helene.cornwell@optusnet.com.au

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AGM COMING SOON...

ADVANCE NOTICE

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Re-scheduled)

7.30pm Thursday 12 August 2021
The Cove Hall, Empire Bay
(at the traffic lights)

As this is an Annual General Meeting, **ALL POSITIONS on the Committee are declared vacant, and a NEW Committee is voted in by the attendees.**

A Nomination Form can be found
on Page 3 of this newsletter.

ALL RESIDENTS are invited to this meeting that is also an open forum of ALL MATTERS of interest to Island residents.

We are planning for a
Guest Speaker - more to come

Please note that as the
2022 AGM will be in March
2022, this new Committee
will only be in office for
seven (7) months.

A reminder that Membership renewals are due on 1 July. With the now standard 4-year membership at \$20, Committee members are personally reminding you if your fee is now due.

A Word from the President

president@sthubertsisland.nsw.au

Bridge Safety Upgrade

Following the COVID restrictions I remained in contact with the appropriate personnel at the Central Coast Council and following the correspondence by me on 11th May 2021, I received a reply stating:

"Thanks for letting me know about your Annual General Meeting and the Quarterly Newsletter. I've prepared a response to your questions below and had the content endorsed by the funding body so it can be used in your Newsletter. FYI the same content is also about to be mailed to every community member who has provided feedback on this project."

- Has there been any development on the design of the proposed safety barrier on the bridge?

Following the last phase of consultation, Council engaged a consultant to undertake a feasibility study to assess the various design options suggested by the community. This process was delayed by Council's financial situation, however we are now in receipt of the final report and are working through the viable options with our consultant to confirm whether they are realistic and affordable. Once these investigations are complete, further community consultation will be arranged to discuss the outcome and gain further feedback on the final recommended design.

- Has there been a new timetable created in relation to the general work to be done on the bridge?

As a result of the additional consultation and design investigations, a new timetable has been developed which will see delivery of the safety barrier project in the next financial year. At this stage construction is now forecast to commence in early 2022."

Annual General Meeting

The Association's Annual General Meeting should have been held in March 2021 but due to the COVID restrictions it was postponed and is now to be held at the Cove Hall on Thursday 12th August 2021 commencing at 7:30 pm.

At the meeting all Committee members are required to stand down and their respective positions declared vacant. Having regard to the COVID disruptions and the fact that the AGM should have been held in March 2021 and that the next AGM WILL BE HELD IN MARCH, 2022 — thus making a term of office of about 7 months, it is a good opportunity for newcomers to join the Association Committee.

Christmas in July

A "Christmas in July" dinner at Daleys Kitchen has been proposed for Friday 16th July 2021 and being planned and the date selected.

We have met with the new proprietors and discussions are ongoing in relation to the Menu and the Cost.

The Venue is not normally open on a Friday night so if we proceed it will be essential that bookings are made for catering purposes.

[Editor: All planned. See invitation on Page 1]

Ken Stewart

Neighbourhood Watch: NO INCREASE IN CRIME REPORTED

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.

To find out anything about criminal activity on St Huberts you need to go to the Brisbane Water Police Facebook page at facebook.com/BrisbaneWaterPD. Buried in there, and after a lot of scrolling and searching through the page, you will find anything that happened on St Huberts.

Four days a week the Facebook page reports on property crime within the Brisbane Water police district.

The Facebook page of Central Coast Incident Alerts is also a VERY GOOD way to keep track of what is happening around the Coast - including Police Incidents. Check it out at facebook.com/ccincidentalerts.



From the Secretary

The last few months has seen correspondence on the following matters:

- Develop an agile approach to developing plans for the waterways with the community. As part of the first phase of consultation to inform the development of the CMP's they're running a survey which can be accessed through the Council website. Residents are encouraged to participate. [Editor: See TIDBITS]
- Council is also developing an Active Lifestyle Strategy and is interested in learning how the community uses open spaces to encourage healthy and active outdoor lifestyles. This can also be accessed via the Council website. [Editor: See TIDBITS]
- The Association recently met with some local residents representing GUST (Grow Urban ShadeTrees) and how they can assist residents in planting more trees, and being more suitable trees. Their presentation is covered elsewhere in this Newsletter. The matter of trees on the Island is somewhat contentious with strong views for and against the need for more trees.
- Speaking of Council activity or lack of activity, the Association has again written to Council about lack of maintenance of our canals. Because of the importance of this issue, the email to Council is repeated here [Editor: see Page 3]
All canal residents are invited to express their views to Council.

Geoff Flynn

secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au

REPORT**SunsetSips 2021#2 @ Solstice****Saturday 3 April 2021**

PHEW... AT LAST... the Island has finally had a SunsetSips after many COVID dictated attempts!!!

The weather turned on - sunny with a smidge of cloud, gentle breeze, just the right temperature, mozzies behaved themselves and the midgies were few and came in late and briefly.

This is the Island's first social event in over 14 months - the last being the [SunsetSips @ Attunga](#) on 15 February 2020.

With Daylight Saving ending early the next morning, this was the earliest sunset for the season so starting at 4.30pm for a 6.47pm sunset was essential to get Islanders relaxed, fed and watered before dark.

People started turning up quite early and the BBQers were a little worried we didn't have enough food ready in time... but no-body wanted food!

It looked like they all wanted to talk to each other - almost as if they had been "isolated" for over 12 months due to the effects of a virus!

The most popular table at this stage was the refreshment area stocked by Raine&Horne and some wonderful "Italian" wines courtesy of BamVino - both organisations having strong links to the Island.

At last, and seemingly in one movement, the BBQ area was swamped by hungry Islanders and their guests wanting to augment their refreshments. And the evening was off and running...

The only hiccup of the evening was the Monster Easter Egg Hunt, when an issue resulted in eggs needing to be distributed amongst the appropriate people (as in kids) so they benefited from this modified hunt.

Finally a not as-good-a-sunset as seen in the past ([they are all buried here on the website](#)), but who cares.



Old Islanders, New Islanders, Family and Visitors all enjoyed this successful "meeting" of over 90 people in delightful surroundings.

Canal Maintenance - SHIRA still trying...

Email Correspondence to CCC from SHIRA Secretary 19 May 2021

"On behalf of our Association representing Island residents, we must again raise with Council our ongoing concerns of depletion of the sand to the beaches of the Canals, which leads to resident's seawalls becoming unstable. At any time, an inspection will show around 10 canal fronted properties where seawalls have dramatically moved, or fallen over, due to the sand being depleted or washed away from the front of the seawalls.

The canals are Council land, submerged Council land, they have a Deposited Plan number and even a street address. Council own them. To date there has been no Council maintenance of the Canals, and this is urgently required, particularly regarding depletion of Council sand in front of resident's seawalls, with the result that many walls have moved or fallen over.

The canals need to be maintained/dredged and the sands returned to the front of the seawalls. These sands have settled in the bottom of the canals. Just as Council fills potholes on the roads, the depletion of the sands to the front of residents properties needs urgent rectification. The canals are Council property and need to be maintained by Council - it is Council's responsibility.

Your email of 20 May 2020, said that scraping of dry sand on canal waterfront properties can be carried out by residents by hand to depths of no more than 300mm. But in most cases, there is no sand left to scrap back, it has moved, or is in the bottom of the canals.

Council advised that as at 25 January 2021, \$491,481.25 is in the St Huberts Island Jetty Levy Fund, which has been internally restricted by CCC resolution, and is protected. With the annual fee per pontoon being around \$800, then the fund should be increasing at about \$60,000 per year. This fund was intended to be for maintenance of the canals, which has never been done.

There is no reason for Council to delay this urgent work. The funds are available. Please consider this as a matter of urgency!"

... and still no reply as at 5 June 2021

Annual General Meeting 2021

Nomination of Committee members to the new Committee

Nominations for the election of: **President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee members**

- **Person Proposed:** _____ **For Position:** _____
- **Nomination by (two members of the Association):**

_____ (nominator name)

_____ (nominator name)

_____ (nominator signature)

_____ (nominator signature)
- **Consent of the candidate:** _____ (candidate signature)

Deliver or scan/email to the Secretary before the day of the AGM at -
 * secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au OR * Geoff at 25 Mercator

NOTE: Nominees and Nominators MUST be paid-up members of the Association.

AGM
Thursday 12 August
7:30pm @ The Cove Hall

St Huberts Island is a Heat Island

Making St Huberts Island Greener, GUST, Your Residents Association (SHIRA) and Trees

In mid-2019, Central Coast Council determined that most of the built-up parts of the Central Coast need more trees, shading and greening. They did a large satellite heat map study and chose the "hottest" 18 suburbs in the CCC area... and St Huberts Island was on the list.

[See more in the *September 2019 Island News* (page 4) and the website at sthubertsisland.nsw.au/greening-st-huberts/

This Draft "Greener Places Strategy" is designed to promote, maintain and enhance urban greening - best achieved by planting more trees on both public and private land. Urban Heat Islands occur when the urban environment replaces natural land cover with dense concentrations of pavement, buildings, roads and other surfaces that absorb and retain heat. This effect increases energy costs (e.g. air conditioning), air pollution levels, and heat-related illness and mortality. It is proven that there are far more significant benefits in greening our environment (St Huberts) compared to the few less-significant negatives. Well-positioned, shade-bearing trees are one of the most valuable assets a house or neighbourhood can have. Driven by strong NSW Government recommendations, Councils began reacting to the increasing Urban Heat Island effect, although the Central Coast local government is lagging behind others.



Which looks better, higher re-sale, cooler, more relaxing, healthier, reduces costs, happy chattering birds? You could have this too. SHIRA 'experts' can advise"

And so GUST was formed

"Disturbed by sweltering hot summers spent driving, parking and walking ourselves, our children, our grandchildren and our dogs around largely unshaded Peninsula streetscapes, we formed GUST (Grow Urban Shade Trees). Our aim was to address the gap in action and education around the enormous benefits of urban trees. GUST is a not-for-profit, volunteer organisation with no political affiliations. We formed with the support of the Umina Community Group and have completed a variety of local projects since forming in 2016."



GUST cofounders Jennifer Wilder, Debbie Sunartha and Melissa Chandler. Jenny's Dad (not shown) beavers away in the background busily creating and nurturing tube-stock trees for GUST



"The St Huberts Island Case Study", mid-May, 5 Mainsail. Jenny, Dad and owner Lindsey Edgar with her newly planted Tree Waratah and Lilly-pilly. (The Island News will follow the growth of these two.)

How do you Green your House, Land and Nature Strip?

SHIRA has been in discussions with GUST who have suggested that Islanders take over the task of greening their part of the Island. Coincidentally we have an Islander, Des Mitchell on Nautilus, who is a member of The Everglades Lagoon Wetland Group, and also with links to GUST resources.

Des is keen to encourage, promote, guide, advise and sometimes source trees (via his contacts) for those of you on the Island who wish to engage in this *simple gardening exercise* leading to the most amazing benefits.

And Des has put his "tree where his mouth is" (!). About 4 - 5 years ago he planted a Tuckeroo on the nature strip outside 8 Nautilus - check it out. GUST activities over the past years have shown that Council are encouraging these types of GUST-guided plantings. There are so many small, medium and large trees very suited to the St Huberts environment (see the link at the end to possible suitable trees).

To get you moving in the right direction...

So, if you feel the need to do some "greening" at your property, there are so many beautiful and safe native tree choices available. Observe the sun's path at your place and chat to Des or your local nursery. GUST have created an illustrated list of council-preferred tree suggestions. Contact Des Mitchell at streettreessthubertsisland@gmail.com to get a copy of these medium to large tree suggestions, or from the Island website at sthubertsisland.nsw.au/greening-st-huberts/.

Island Chef Recipe

This recipe courtesy of Ron Stapleton.



IslandChef
ST HUBERTS ISLAND

As we plunge into the cold, dark depths of Winter ...

It is a given that a butcher's recipe for ANY meat dish WILL BE A BIG HIT with the family.

Ron's Pea & Ham Soup

Ingredients:

- ✦ 2 packets soup mix (peas, barley etc)
- ✦ 1 smoked ham hock (cut in 2)
- ✦ A few smoked bacon bones
- ✦ 1 sweet potato
- ✦ 1 large leek
- ✦ 2 large potatoes

Method:

1. Soak the soup mix in a large bowl of water (over night). You will have to top up the water as they soak it up.
2. Cover the hock and bones in a large boiler with water and diced onion and slow boil for 1 ½ hours so meat will easily come off the bones, then put bones and meat in a dish to cool, leaving all the water in the boiler.
3. Remove all the meat from the bones and hock, and chop it up finely leaving out any fat etc. Only use the lean meat. Also finely chop up any of the pork rind if you wish. Return all the meat etc to the boiler.
4. Using a coarse grater, grate the potatoes and sweet potato into another large bowl and finely chop the leek, leaving out the hard outer leaves. Place all the chopped veggies into the boiler with the meat and water.
5. Add all the soup mix soaking in the water together with left over water and stir the boiler.
6. You may need to add additional water depending on how thick you want the soup.

Bring to the boil and then reduce to a low boil for 2-3 hours stirring frequently from the bottom with a flat wooden stirrer. Be careful not to let it burn on the bottom. If you don't pre-soak the soup mix it will stick and burn on the bottom of the boiler.

I never measure anything... change to suit yourself.

Serve and Enjoy !

Email your special IslandChef recipe to islandnews@sthubertsisland.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!

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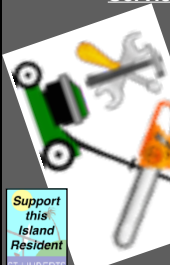
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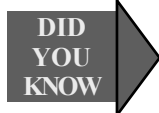
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Antechinus

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This is a small, Australian, protected, rarely-seen, carnivorous marsupial **AND...**

It is often mistaken for a rat/mouse.

There are rats on the Island - possibly black, brown, bush or swamp - and we try to bait or capture them.

BUT... Don't bait for Antechinus or kill them - they are **"Aussie Goodies"**

They can be set apart from rodents such as rats and mice using:

- **Their front teeth.**

Rodents have one pair of distinctive chisel shaped incisors that have hard yellow enamel on the front surfaces.

Antechinuses have **four rows of small sharp incisors.**

- **Their ears.**

Many antechinus species have **large thin crinkly ears** that have a notch in the margin, although not all will have this notch.

- **Their tail.**

Antechinuses have a **sparsely haired tail**, which is the **same length as the body or shorter** (65-110mm).

- **Their habits.**

Antechinuses are mainly nocturnal insect eaters, which are found in forest habitats and are not found often in urban areas. They shelter in spherical nests in hollow logs or crevices, but can sometimes be found nesting in furniture in bush areas or farms.



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If you enjoy playing board games or card games and meeting new people, then Bridge is the game for you.

Develop a new interest, meet new friends and keep your brain active while learning to play at the Brisbane Water Bridge Club at the Peninsula Community Centre, corner of Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd Woy Woy.

Each Beginners Class consists of six weeks of lessons and occur throughout the year. You will be helped with all aspects of the game in a friendly relaxed atmosphere until you are ready to play in our regular sessions at the club with your new friends.

The cost is only \$60 for a six week course. Ring Christine to register, inquire about our next Bridge course, or ask about our session times.

Enhance your life. Phone now on: 0488 194 737



A 2.1kg lobster from Box Head caught by Ron Stapleton

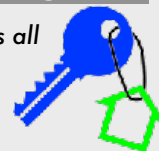


A huge mulloway caught at The Rip Bridge

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.

- ★ 28 Attunga
- ★ 24 Cuttlefish
- ★ 23 Discovery
- ★ 72 Helmsman
- ★ 13 Mainsail
- ★ 30 Mainsail
- ★ 16 Marina View
- ★ 33 Mercator
- ★ 12 Nautilus
- ★ 45 Nautilus
- ★ 1 Skiff

House sales and transfers 6 March 2021 to 25 May 2021

(contract date ignored).

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

Report

FISHOS Corner

Outside, flathead and snapper are being taken in the usual spots with most fishos bagging out with flathead.



The leather jacket plague is not around at the moment. Fingers crossed they don't turn up and spoil everything.

Inside... flathead, bream and blue swimmers are still around with the odd good mulloway and kingfish being taken in the Rip Bridge area.

Today's photo is from an Ettalong Hotel Club member who caught this impressive mulloway in the Rip Bridge area.

Ettalong Hotel Fishing Club and Ettalong Diggers Fishing Club 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

Tidbits...

✿ Council's "Our Coast, Our Waterways" campaign

If you REALLY want to have a voice in how our Brisbane Water waterway is managed and used, it's health, community access and recreation, and provide your views, then read on...

Under a NSW Act, Council is legislatively required to develop Coastal Management Programs and are in the early stages of this process.

They admit they are currently struggling to motivate the Central Coast community, and are desperate (and sad!) to get their plans for these programs right and gain the community's trust.

They have recently launched their "Our Coast, Our Waterways" campaign to rectify community lack of interest, and our awareness of what they have already achieved.

There is a (huge) heap of information on all this at yourvoiceourcoast.com/waterways that you will need time to sift through. In the meantime, the first phase of consultation is a 15 minute survey at https://centralcoastcouncil.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0ppgYCj6Zm7SD0G.

✿ Shade Trees at the Bottom of the Bridge

SHIRA has recently approached CCC with the request to plant two shade trees at the bottom of the bridge, near the park seats. The six palms planted there have not upheld their end of the bargain, and the entry to the Island is looking very sparse. Carefully chosen trees here would need to be able to shade, handle salt laden winds, the sandy soil, high vehicles and no branch-dropping. SHIRA is working with Parks and Reserves, but they say not to expect anything soon.

✿ Serial Bragger Sidelined

Long-time Island resident, St Huberts Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator and (more importantly) serial "Fishing Bragger" Martin Wellington has gone into voluntary retirement.

After being increasingly unsteady on his pins, several months ago he had a fall on a boat ramp and broke a rib.

Martin decided that Bruce Halliday - his neighbour, fellow fisher and bragger, and net-man - should not be placed in the position of netting Martin out of the water too.

So no more crabbing, fishing or photos - who on the Island will step up to replace Martin?

✿ Winner of the Daleys Kitchen Voucher

The St Huberts Island Residents Association is please to advise that the lucky winner of the Daleys Kitchen \$100 voucher is Nathan Groves (and Piano Removalist) of 130 Helmsman Bvd.

[Editor: Only 26 people entered into this \$100 Voucher draw. This was perplexing as over 500 newsletters are distributed on the Island, and the website version was downloaded over 90 times. Then include non-Islanders that may also read the online version (including our advertisers - at least one who entered) ... only 26 entrants?]

✿ Oldest Current Island Resident

Sid Atkins is probably the Island's oldest resident. He has lived in Boyd Close for about 30 years and will turn 102 on Wednesday 16 June. He visits his daughter Maureen in Beachfront Parade at 3pm each day to confirm he is still alive.

The Island News did a 100 year piece on Sid in June 2019, found on the website at sthubertsisland.nsw.au/island-news/.

✿ Sale of Solstice Park

Several Facebook posts in early May caused a major concern for (probably) all Islanders. A table originating from CCC "sort of" indicated that Solstice Place (Park?), and many other 'pocket parks', were up for sale. When CCC was asked:

A just added Facebook post shows an "interesting" table of assets to be sold-off. This table includes the green space at Solstice Place/Solstice Point on St Huberts Island, and is for sale for \$3,000. My question is: Is the green space at Solstice Place on St Huberts Island on, or will be on, the list of assets Central Coast Council is selling-off?

They replied:

There are no land parcels identified in the Tranche 3 Asset Sales Program in St Huberts Island.

The table was originally posted on the "Central Coast Acf Branch" Facebook page for the purpose of protesting the current CCC sale of the "Austin Butler Access" behind the Courthouse at Woy Woy. Research showed the table was very old - from either a 2009 or 2016 intention of Gosford City Council to sell off assets - including Solstice Park.

Interesting that CCC's answer only indicated that Solstice was not part of the current Tranche 3 of asset sales - might it still appear later. THIS MUST NOT HAPPEN!

✿ Seaweed in Canals

Many canal residents are again becoming concerned by other

residents pushing seaweed back into the canals.

The removal of sea grass (wrack) and debris from foreshore areas of the Island has been a continuing problem for all water-front residents. This is particularly so for residents in the canal corners where the accumulation occurs after other non-corner residents persist in returning the wrack to the canal from where it came. The wind and tide do the rest.

DON'T BE A TOSSER

Residents are encouraged to collect the wrack/debris and put it in the green waste bin for collection on the normal day. If there is an excess then use large garbage bags filled to a manageable size and placed at the kerb-side for collection by Council. Phone CCC on 1300 463 954 to request a collection, or do it online at centralcoastcouncil.custhelp.com, providing your address and how many bags for pickup.

✿ Central Coast Council "Active Lifestyles Strategy"

The Council is currently developing an "Active Lifestyles Strategy" to learn how the community currently uses open spaces, what they value and what is required in the future to further encourage healthy and active outdoor lifestyles.

By the time you read this TIDBIT, both a face-to-face and an online, virtual Workshop will have occurred on Thursday 10 June. The intention was "workshopping the findings (to date) to provide input from your area of expertise to assist in shaping the strategy". More about this Strategy can be found at <https://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/active-lifestyles>.

To contribute or have a discussion about this strategy you can email Margaret Barrett (the Senior Consultant) at margaret@otiumplanning.com.au.

✿ Call for HUMBLE HEROES

Since his retirement, the Island's Dr John Irvine, a pediatric psychologist, has been paying tribute to the many incredible kids, parents, colleagues, celebrities and even pets that have had a big impact on his life. John knows he is not the only person with unsung heroes in their lives so he is inviting readers of this TIDBITS, and others, to send in their stories about someone special that they'd like to acknowledge through his podcast, and share their stories.

They are intended to be short inspirational stories to give us all a lift when the only news we're fed is so depressing. People can hear these HUMBLE HEROES series of podcasts by going to Spotify and looking up Dr John's Humble Heroes. Alternately you can look up his website, drjohnirvine.com, and listen to or read the stories. This is not a money making venture, just a collective attitude of gratitude.

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From the Editor...

The BIG piece in this edition is The Greening of St Huberts. More trees on the Island have so many benefits as indicated. Consider planting a tree. And... I had to go back to my informant to check, but ANTECHINUS are actually on the Island. I've fought with rats but not mice at home, so any mouse-sized animal needs to be identified before you act terminally. We've done enough to our native Aussie fauna without killing more. CCC continues to dither regarding the fees paid by ALL pontoon owners to a special fund for canal maintenance. It's over \$500,000 and increasing by more than \$60,000 each year. Not sure what they can do, but had better be something before our signature canals suffer too much!

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