

The Island News

"The Central Coast's Island in the Sun"

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**September
2023**

2023 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Saturday 7 October Sunset Sips at Solstice Park

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

The last couple of months have been busy for your committee members. Our Events Committee organised a wonderful gathering of residents for the Christmas In July dinner. A big thank you to Helene Cornwall and Brian Ireland, as well as to Margaret Doughman and Wendy Mason, for their outstanding efforts. The next event your Committee is focusing on will be the Sunset Sips evening. This will be the first for the year as rain prevented the March evening from going ahead. We all look forward to welcoming you to this event.

The maintenance program for the restoration of our canals is moving forward. Council has raised a purchase order for trial dredging of the waterways and engaged Australian Environmental Services to undertake the works within the canals, focusing on the stormwater sediments. Work will start as soon as the contractor is available. The dates for a start weren't ready for this edition but should occur in the next few weeks. So, keep a look out.

One of the important elements of the project is the Hydro graphic survey. Unfortunately, Council has been unsuccessful in finding a company to undertake the work. However, I am told that there is a continuing search for someone who can do it.

Council has confirmed, following a legal review sought by your Committee, that the wording in the current Deed of Licence should be amended. The result will be that licence holders will not be obliged to provide Council with a structural engineer's report every five years. Instead, a structural engineer's report will only be required when individual circumstances merit it. For those of you with pontoons we will be sending the full report and the new Clause 15 of the Deed of Licence to your email. If we don't have your email address, please contact our secretary as this is an important document. The Council will also be emailing all the affected licence holders regarding the amended wording.

Also, Council has initiated a review of various sea grass areas around the city, and part of our island is included. The University of Newcastle is undertaking the survey and can be occasionally seen using a drone from Sunset Park near the pumping station to record images from the adjacent shallows.

Kevin Hill OAM

FROM THE SECRETARY

As I am the keeper of the boxes of history of the Island, I thought I would share with you a detail from the Sydney Morning Herald Saturday, 17 October, 1981. From the Classifieds an advertisement was placed by Hooker Rex Estates for absolute waterfront blocks on the Island. All advertised blocks had beach frontages with a northerly aspect, faced onto Brisbane Waters and were priced from \$75,000 to \$100,000. With a block in Salacia facing west recently being sold for just over \$2 million, times certainly have changed.

You might also notice a more modern format for The Island News, and five new advertisers. I commend to you these, and all our advertisers, as they contribute to our community. Therefore, before using Google to find a repairer or service, please check your newsletter for local trades people and services.

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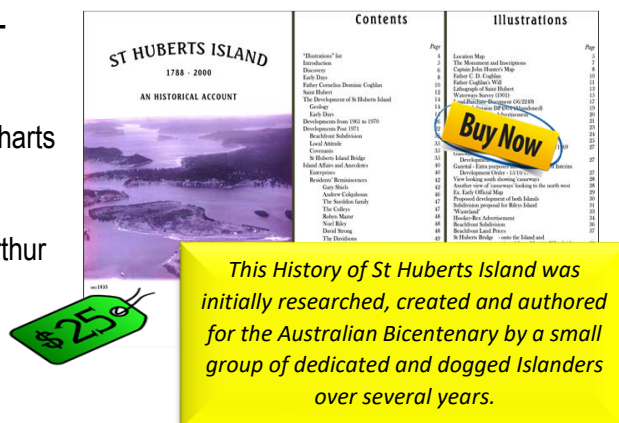
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THE ST HUBERTS ISLAND HISTORY BOOK HAS ARRIVED – REPRINTED

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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 not much is happening. Luderick however are plentiful around the wharves but finding quality weed is a problem. The 'slime' is back however a few blue swimmers are being caught, and the odd soapy and snapper are being taken in the Rip Bridge area.

Today's photo is from an Ettalong Hotel Club member who weighed in a nice bag of flathead caught outside.

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



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ST HUBERTS ISLAND BOOK CLUB

The club has been running for the last six months and is now ready to expand its membership. If you are interested in joining a fabulous group of women on the first Friday of each month at 6.30pm, then please call.

Recent books have been The Shepherd's Hut by Tim Winton and Midnight in The Garden of Good and Evil by John Berendt. The current book is The Dig by John Preston. Books are supplied by Umina Library after a small annual member contribution of \$10.00.

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CHRISTMAS IN JULY 2023

A wonderful evening of camaraderie with all guests enjoying the chance to celebrate the Island's first Christmas in July event since Covid. With such fantastic attendance, your Committee is searching for a larger venue for next year.



COMMUNITY DAY AT KILLCARE SURF CLUB

24 September - 9am to 12pm

Killcare Surf Club will be holding a Community Day at the start of the summer season. Come along and see your local Surf Club in action with training rescues and beach safety. Off the beach there will be defib and resuscitation demonstrations. Lots of fun and informative activities for all the family with a sausage sizzle and a bouncing castle.

Your local Surf Club needs your support. Last season the Club made over 32 rescues and over 640 preventive actions. The Club needs more Patrollers, and a new training course starts in October. Patrolling on the beach is a way to give back to the community. We have patrolling members from 15 to over 70. Find out what is involved and how you could get fit and have fun while keeping our beach safe.

There are other ways you can support the Club such as joining as a Community Member and enjoy the great social benefits of being part of the Club. If you have young kids our Nippers have great fun every Sunday morning while learning water skills and safety.

Can't make the day and want to know more? See our website www.killcaresurfclub.com.au or contact Janey on 02 4360 1150 or via email: admin@killcaresurfclub.com.au



See you all at the Sunset Sips on 7 October at Solstice Park!