

The Island News

“The Central Coast’s Island in the Sun”

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June 2024

Save
the
Date

- 20 July 2024 – Christmas in July dinner

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi everyone. Welcome to our mid-June Island News. I cannot believe the year is half gone.

This month is membership time for many residents, and I thank everyone for their contribution. I also thank the people who have joined the Association as it benefits us all. We have a very good committee which has worked hard, and I thank all of them for their support, energy and gift of time on behalf of our residents.

CANAL UPDATE

Council has engaged Jamie Barclay from Australian Environmental Services Pty Ltd (AES) to undertake the maintenance cleaning of the canal stormwater outlets. The next one is scheduled for this week, 5-6 June, and will focus on Marina Cove. The work will target the removal of contemporary sediment build-up around the stormwater outlets, repurposing suitable sediment along the foreshores and disposing of poorer organic-rich sediments.

After the maintenance, the sediment may appear dark or dirty, but it will clean and brighten following several tidal flushes, as has been seen with the works completed at Mainsail Ave & Helmsman Boulevard and Mainsail Ave & Cuttlefish Parade.

AES has recently modified its pumping equipment to improve the efficiency of future maintenance, scheduled monthly until all stormwater outlet maintenance has been completed.

Council has also engaged North Coast Surveys to complete a Hydrographic Survey of the canals to inform the future maintenance program. So far, the main channels within the canals have been surveyed to a minimum depth of around 1m (see website for colour images and last page for the plan). This will soon be complemented by Terrestrial Surveys using Lidar at low tide to capture detailed levels within the intertidal zone up to the canal seawalls, which is an important piece of the overall picture.

North Coast Surveys has also completed a comparative analysis of cross sections from surveys done in 1985, revealing that the canal profile has changed little over time.

BRIDGE UPDATE

The bridge fencing is moving ahead rapidly with the southern site started and being constructed in one go. I am informed that the completion date will be end of June. Of course, this is subject to the weather which to date has caused extensive delays.

There is a new foreman on the job – Brent Trotter (0488 123 000) and anyone with an issue due to the construction can phone him on his mobile.

I hope to see you all at our Island’s Christmas in July Dinner.

Kevin Hill - OAM

FROM THE SECRETARY

On 20th July, the Association will be hosting a Christmas in July dinner at The Diggers, Ettalong. Last year the Committee realised we had outgrown Daleys Kitchen thus this change of venue has been arranged, with the use of the Courtesy Bus which can be booked through the Club on the day.

We will have the Pretty Beach Room which includes a staffed bar with XXXX Gold and Stonewood beers on tap, wine and soft drink which are all available for purchase. However, once again, we have arranged for a complimentary champagne on arrival.

A wonderful "Christmas" feast has been arranged as an alternate drop, and will include –

- Dinner Rolls and Butter
- **Entrée of** - Roast Pumpkin Soup with creme fraiche and garlic croutons **OR** Prawn, Avocado and Baby Cos Salad with Marie Rose Sauce
- **Main Course of** - Roast Pork with crackling, apple sauce and gravy **OR** Roast Turkey with cranberry sauce and gravy. Both served with Roast Potatoes, Roast Pumpkin and Steamed Greens
- **Dessert of** - Christmas Pudding with custard and ice cream **OR** Pavlova with fresh fruit and whipped cream
- Tea and Coffee

There will be a Lucky Door prize, and raffle tickets will be sold for the chance to win an artwork donated by the President – Kevin Hill.

We look forward to welcoming you on the night.

Brian Ireland and Helene Cornwell – Events, and Margaret Doughman



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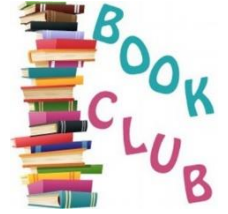
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ST HUBERTS ISLAND BOOK CLUB

The club meets every month at a prearranged member's home. Membership is closed and we have a wait list. It's a fun group so we have a lot of laughs as well as some serious discussion about our readings.



We recently chose 25 books from a list of 173 titles offered by the library. The library then allocates a book from our selections each month to all members. It's a great service from our local library.

Last month we read "Memoirs of a Geisha" by Arthur Holden about a young girl, Sayuri, who is sold into an okiya (boarding house for geisha) and trained to become a famous geisha in Kyoto around the time of WW2. After many trials and tribulations, Sayuri eventually 'gets her man' and moves to New York.

The previous book "The Last Kingdom" was also an historical fiction novel by Bernard Cornwell. The protagonist is Uhtred who, as a young boy, was captured and raised by a leading Viking family. It's about Uhtred's growth and the Viking invasions of England which were endured during the ninth and tenth century. With Uhtred's help, King Alfred saves England from defeat.

Finally, we read "The Chase" by Candice Fox. It's a modern thriller about a prison breakout and the difficulties capturing and returning the criminals, especially those from Death Row. The Death Row Supervisor makes it her mission to return one particular criminal but eventually realises his innocence and helps him find the real killer of his wife and son.

We hope these short summaries entice you to read the books yourself.

Happy Reading!

Cheers Carolynne Mucharsky

Sunset Sips March 2024



With overcast conditions threatening, the weather cleared, and many residents enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of camaraderie on Long Arm Parade for the last Sunset Sips of the summer season.

Brian Ireland and Rod Blake of the Events Committee once again cooked up a storm, and Lindsey Edgar wove her magic ensuring all the ladies enjoyed a glass of champagne.

Wendy Mason again organised the raffles which were an enormous success, and Naomi Warren was on hand to take new memberships.

Membership renewals have now been delivered to the respective residents on the Island, and it is from these memberships that the executive team can provide these events.

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