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'The Central Coast's Island in the Sun'

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December 2021

2022 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- January 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR
- January 29 SUNSET SIPS 2022#1 Solstice Park 5pm @SOLSTICE- Out of COVID
- March 10 **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** at The Cove Hall at 7.30pm

WE NEED

YOU

ASSOCIATION UPDATE At last some good news!

Our call for help in the September 21 Newsletter resulted in 3 volunteers stepping forward, for which we are most grateful.

- Anne Wardell (Nautilus Crst) will edit the newsletter
- Ben Hondenbrink (Helmsman Blvd) will now manage the website.
- Ingeborg Stiefel (Nautilus Crst) has joined our Committee.

Special thank you to Anne and Ben, both have only recently moved to the Island. So what about some of our longer term residents getting involved?

*** SUNSET SIPS ARE BACK ***



SunsetSips 2022#1 @ Solstice Park 5pm Saturday 29 January 2022

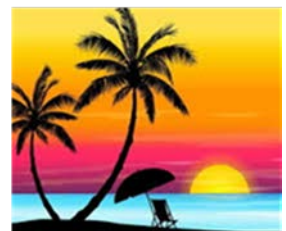
With the sun setting at 8.01pm, get to Solstice at 5pm so you have time to:

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- ★ Chair
- ★ Hat
- ★ Sunnies
- ★ Beverages
- ★ Nibbles
- ★ Insect Repellent



- ★ Meet your new neighbours
- ★ Renew pre-COVID friendships
- ★ Enjoy FREE bubbles, Ladies bring your champagne glasses
- ★ Feast on a free sausage sizzle -with BBQed onions!



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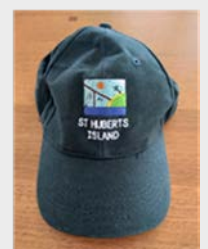


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NEW STOCK

GREAT GIFTS
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CHRISTMAS



A Word from the President

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Island Bridge Safety Upgrade

I have been in contact with the Central Coast Council as to whether a decision has been made relative to the design of the proposed Island Bridge Safety Upgrade. (The Council had previously circulated 3 mesh Options for consideration).

I had hoped to be able advise which option had been selected, if a Contractor had been engaged, when was such project likely to start etc, in this Newsletter, but such reply has not yet been received although I understand a decision has been made by Council.

Length of Moored Boats in the Canals

Council has also recently replied to the SHIRA enquiry of reviewing the maximum length of boats that can be moored in the Canals. Council replied that length of vessels shall not exceed ten (10) metres or the waterfrontage of the property, whichever is the lesser. There development criteria recognise that the canals are shallow, confined waterways and the maximum boat length of 10m will avoid any problems with navigation and manoeuvring within the canals and visual amenity.

Should someone wish to apply for a variation to the criteria via DCP, they would need to demonstrate that the objectives outlined above could still be met. A development application would be assessed on its merits by Councils Development Assessment Unit and Council is not in a position to say what likelihood of success an application might have. Larger boats should be considered on a case-by-case basis through the development assessment process, via application by the Resident/Boat owner.

Annual General Meeting, March 2022

In this Newsletter, the date of the Annual General Meeting, unable to be held in August 2021 due to Covid restraints, has been detailed as to being held on 10 March, 2022, at 7.30Pm. On behalf of the SHIRA Committee may I urge you to give consideration to becoming a Committee member as our present numbers are becoming depleted, and I personally will not be standing for President as age is catching up with me.

Also on behalf of the Committee, we extend our best wishes for a happy Christmas and a Covid free New Year.
Ken Stewart, President



Annual General Meeting Thursday 10 March at 7.30pm

We need Island residents to be interested in their houses, their biggest asset, and their futures. SHIRA NEEDS YOU, and you need SHIRA. The SHIRA committee consists of:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Public Officer
- Committee members (3 to 6) who work in the back room of SHIRA.

At the meeting, all positions will be declared vacant. Some office holders are now in their 80's and are looking for younger Island residents to step up. SHIRA needs you to get interested in our Island and your houses and future. WHAT ABOUT IT!!



Neighbour Disputes

From the Secretary

In the last few months, SHIRA has been asked for advice on some neighbour issues, these have mainly been related to canal waterfront access. So, we offer these general notes for resident's assistance.

- Luckily most of the canal blocks on the island are rectangular with mostly between 18 to 20m canal frontage, so the canal waterfront boat mooring use is mostly established by the projection of the boundary lines and the maximum length of moored boat Council allows (currently 10m but may review by Council). Although the beaches are on Council land and can be used by all. Similarly, we don't own the water which can be used by all.
- Most of the issues are at the ends and corners of the canals, where a lot of blocks only have about a 3m wide canal frontage, and up to 6 blocks can be contesting sufficient waterfront access due to their block shape and overlapping of boundary projection sight lines. Sand silt up in some of these canal ends can increase the difficulty of launching a boat from a normal boat ramp, so launching of boats can overlap other's ramps. Also, the installation of pontoons, mooring poles, boat cradle rail tracks, etc are potentially contentious issues. The simple answer is "what has Council approved in their DA approval".

The SHIRA objectives are to watch over and protect the interests of the residents of St Huberts Island and to do all such things as may be conducive to the wellbeing of the residents of St Huberts Island. But this doesn't include refereeing neighbour disputes where both sides have dug in their heels.

SHIRA plays with a straight bat in such matters and does not take either side – but refers the residents to the Council who own and manage the canals and to Maritime who control safe boating on the waters of the Canals. I have been advised that Maritime have threatened to remove and impound boats that restrict other persons use of the waterways, eg by restricting other's free ramp access. Council and Maritime are the regulating statutory authorities, and so the final referees.

Geoff Flynn
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ISLAND LOCAL WINS DESIGN AWARD



A St Hubert's Island resident has received national recognition for her work in designing Woy Woy Fishermen's Wharf after she was tasked with revitalising the iconic restaurant.

The designer of the project, Louise Williams, received an award for Best Commercial Design at the Australian Building Designers Award on Friday, October 22.

Louise, along with her business LAW Building Design, worked on the Wharf in 2017 in partnership with building company, Parkwood Pre-Fabricated Homes, and interior decorator, Xanthe Highland.

She was tasked with modernising and expanding the existing restaurant over the water with overhanging decks and caves. "This was a one-of-a-kind project because you don't often get the chance to build on top of the water," Louise said.

Louise is well known to many Island residents by providing design services to several Island house upgrades and renovations. (part extract local Newspapers)



Now



Afterwards

New trees at Island Entrance

We are fortunate that some interested Island residents have planted new Tuckeroo trees at our Island Entrance at the start of the bridge, with 6 new trees planted on each side of the road.

These Tuckeroos are a very hardy tree able to adapt to difficult sites, such as poor soils and salt wind exposure. The Tuckeroo has leathery leaves with small yellow or greenish flower clusters on the branch ends. They are excellent for street planting. When mature they will be about 8 metres high by 6 metres wide.

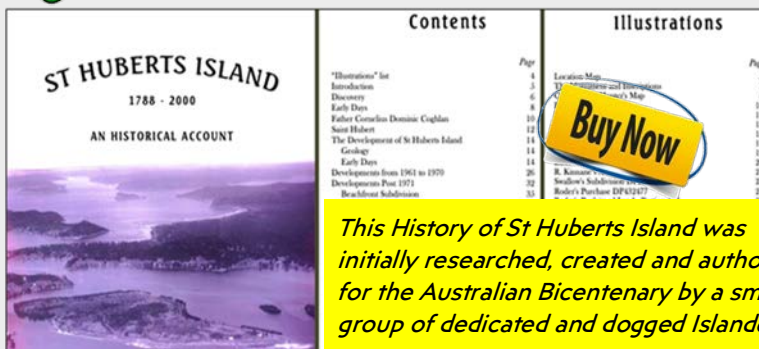
A juvenile Tuckeroo can be seen at the front of 8 Nautilus, and two 40 year old mature Tuckeroos are at the front of 5 Mainsail.

Thanks to Des Mitchell, Joy Stevens and their friends from GUST for planting these trees. We will all benefit from these new trees, so let's all protect them as they grow.

GUST (Grow Urban Shade Trees) representative on the Island is Des Mitchell (streettreessthubertsisland@gmail.com) so please contact him if you'd like his advice on planting a suitable tree on your verge. GUST is a not for profit organisation and are able to provide the trees

The St Huberts Island History has arrived – reprinted

- It has now been reprinted with most of the photos, images, charts and documents significantly improved in quality and clarity.
- A treasure trove of: history, maps, diagrams, anecdotes, sketches, reminiscences, missed chances, local attitudes, Arthur Phillip discovery, our naming, death and birth certificates, subdivisions, historical documents... and a lot more!



This History of St Huberts Island was initially researched, created and authored for the Australian Bicentenary by a small group of dedicated and dogged Islanders

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THE CLAW by Local Children's Book Author

Here on the island, we have a resident children's book Author with two books in print!

Karen Witt from Long Arm Parade has just released her second book titled, *The Incredible Claw*, which is the sequel to *The Claw* released last year.

Karen was inspired to write The Claw Books after decades of crabbing trips on Brisbane Water. The series hosts both mud and blue swimmer crabs as loveable characters at the mercy of hungry fisherman, and locally inspired character, Mr. Norman Beerbellio!

The Claw Books are rhyming books, with colourful illustrations for children aged between 3 and 8 years of age. They are an adventure series about a crab on a mission to stop a greedy fisherman from catching all the crabs in the bay! After losing one of his nippers, Clive – an Australian mud crab, needs to find the strength to save his fellow crabs, gaining new friends along the way. The Claw Books explore themes around difference, acceptance, self-worth and teamwork.

Check out the books, character soft toys and book trailers at

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GIVEAWAY

Karen's latest book, *The Incredible Claw*, is up for grabs along with a free soft toy pack! To win, email your **BEST CRAB RECIPE** to secretary@sthubertisland.nsw.au

All Recipes to be submitted by **Friday 17 December**. We will quickly judge them and advise the winner by Christmas, and their recipe shared in a future newsletter.

FISHOS Corner



Outside the water has warmed up and flathead are being taken at the usual spots with most fishos bagging out. Nice snapper and morwong are also being caught.

Inside the terrible slime appears to have almost gone and the blue swimmers crabs are back.

The occasional flathead is being landed inside and the occasional mullaway and kingfish are being taken in the Rip Bridge area.

Today's photo is from one of the fishos from the Ettalong Hotel Fishing club who caught this nice 1.5 kg snapper 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

Monster 1 kg Bream – from Lisa Etis
Caught from Pontoon in Sandy Inlet.



SANTA ON THE WATER

He is back on the waters around St Hubert's Island on Thursday 23 December.

Courtesy of Rod Wenzel on "Doctors Orders" and starting in Marina Cove at about 5.30pm, SANTA will proceed clockwise around the Island ending in Sandy Cove. Feel free to join in the parade and festivities with your boat or kayak! Or just enjoy the spectacle from your backyard or our public parks.

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Information, articles or advertising copy can be sent to the Editor (Stephen Steele) at islandnews@sthubertisland.nsw.au or 107 Helmsman Bvd. The Island News is produced 3 monthly - March, June, September & December, and is delivered to all Island residents by letterbox in the first or second week of these months. Article deadline will be the **start of the last full week of the preceding month** and Advertising **one week before the Article deadline**.

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Anne

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