



**Cr Jared Wright**  
Councillor

## Council to kickstart works on St Huberts Island canals

**Central Coast, 15 December 2025:** Central Coast Council is set to kickstart works to revitalise the St Huberts Island canals to improve amenity, boat navigation and the local environment, alongside direct consultation with the St Huberts Island Residents Association.

Council first put together a plan of works in 2017, but works were never undertaken, leading to Councillor Jared Wright taking action and working with the local community to create a pathway for works to occur as part of Council's four-year delivery program. The framework put forward by Councillor Wright was passed by Council at the December meeting.

The works are to be delivered utilising the restricted funds set aside for St Huberts Island from jetty and boat ramp licence fees and will also include a four-year recurrent dredging program.

Councillor Jared Wright said he has been working closely with the St Huberts Island Residents Association over the past 12 months to kickstart the process and ensure that Council is taking action to support the community and local environment.

"Residents at St Huberts Island have been waiting years for works to be undertaken and we now have the processes in place to make it happen. From here, Council staff will work with the community to identify priority works and get them into our ongoing four-year delivery program," Councillor Wright said.

"Having spoken to residents across the Island, priority areas will likely include dredging, stormwater drainage works and the removal of sediment and debris across the canals. The community are front and centre of this process, to make sure we are delivering on their needs."

President of the St Huberts Island Residents Association, Kevin Hill, said the Association was pleased to see the process progressing, noting residents are eager to see works carried out in 2026 and beyond.

"There is a clear need for works to be undertaken on the canals and while we have been working alongside Council staff for years to plan these works and discuss the process, we are pleased to know that works will now be undertaken," Mr Hill said.

Vice President of the St Huberts Island Residents Association, Ron Stapleton, said the trials currently being undertaken by Council across the canals are working well and believes similar works are needed more broadly on the Island to improve amenity, navigation and natural environmental processes.

"Council are currently undertaking trials on the canal system to reduce sediment build up and redistribute much of the sand which over time, has found its way to the middle of the canals, creating a need for dredging," Mr Stapleton said.

Both Mr Hill and Mr Stapleton thanked Councillor Wright and the broader Central Coast Council for their support to get on with the job and carry out these much-needed works.

Staff at Central Coast Council will now meet with the St Huberts Island Residents Association in early 2026 to start developing the plan of work. A report will then be brought back to the relevant subcommittee at its second meeting of 2026.

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