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The Island News

“The Central Coast’s Island in the Sun”

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**September
2025**

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 2nd November 2025 – St Huberts Day and Sunset Sips at Long Arm Park (See page 6 for details)

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to thank everyone who joined the Association for its Christmas in July dinner. Once again, this was a resounding success due to the efforts of Brian Ireland of Events, Wendy Mason and Margaret Doughman. I would like to specifically acknowledge all the work of Wendy Mason in making the decorations and the basket raffle prizes which made for a very festive occasion. Also, our sponsors – Raine & Horne, Empire Bay Cellars, Ettalong Diggers, and our very own resident artist, Chris Ireland. Once again Cheryl and I were delighted to be able to donate a painting from Kevin Hill's Top Ten Australian Artists.

For those who were present at the AGM earlier in the year I reported that the restricted funds collected from Pontoon Licence Fees for canal maintenance had been designated for use anywhere in the local government area. This decision was taken without consultation with the Association, and the change accidentally became known six months thereafter. Your Association immediately commenced action to have this Council decision overturned. At this juncture, I can report both Ron Stapleton and I were able to have a conversation with the newly appointed Director of Planning and Environment who is going to investigate the special circumstances of our restricted funds. Our local Councillor – Jared Wright – is also assisting in this regard.

I wish everyone a warmer Spring after this very cold Winter and look forward to welcoming residents to the St Huberts Day celebration in November.

Kevin Hill OAM

FROM THE SECRETARY

Christmas in July 2025 was another very successful event with 66 attendees. For a full report and photos please check the website here: [Christmas in July 2025](#).

As you by now already know, work has commenced on the roundabout at Memorial Avenue and Blackwall Road. For full details of this work, please again check our website here: [Intersection Upgrades Woy Woy](#). Information can also be found by calling the Project Infoline 1800 241 570; or emailing blackwall.road.intersections@transport.nsw.gov.au

I have received an email from NSW Department of Fair Trading regarding upcoming events of interest.

There will be a free session **Ask the Experts: Living in Retirement Villages, Strata & Land Lease Communities** on **Tuesday, 23rd September** at Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi. This event will help attendees better understand their rights and responsibilities in community living, including recent changes to NSW strata laws and retirement village regulations.

There will also be a **community barbecue** on **26th September** from 11.30am to 2pm at Mingaletta Community Centre, 6 Sydney Avenue, Umina Beach to discuss government services.

For more information visit [NSW Fair Trading](#). The complete email can be found on the [Association website](#).

This newsletter also has a few changes to the advertising, so I recommend you consider our resident advertisers when choosing tradesmen or businesses. Our long-time advertiser Cheers Sweetie is moving to our online Business Directory as the range of gifts has increased and the printed format no longer suits the purpose.

For easier ordering, all the links are accessible from the website <https://sthubertsisland.nsw.au/directory/>

Margaret Doughman

AROUND THE CANALS

A lot has happened in the last couple of months.

Councillor Jared Wright arranged a meeting for Kevin and me to discuss storm water outlets, canal maintenance progress and regulations for seawall protection, sand scraping back to seawalls, pontoon approval regulations and the pontoon and jetty restricted funds account with the new Director of Planning and Environment, Mr. Luke Nicholls.

Most of the storm water outlets are breaking down and, because of that meeting, a camera survey of the drains has started to identify pipes that have to be patched or relined.

We have also trialled several waterfronts with environmental Eco Socks filled with small blue metal that stop sand from retracting away from the seawalls into the channels with great success, and we are seeking to have this method included in the maintenance program.

I will be holding another on site information day in October after we have progress confirmation. You can register your interest regarding your canal seawall concerns by emailing secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au

Ron Stapleton – Vice President

FROM COUNCILLOR JARED WRIGHT

Over the winter months, I have been working with your Association to look at ensuring the previously restricted fund for the Island stands to benefit and improve the community. The previous fund was valued at about \$750,000 and is largely taken from jetty fees over time. In the past few months, I have arranged meetings with the Association and senior council staff to look at how we can use this money to carry out works like dredging, sand retention for local properties and improving the stormwater system. All going to plan, I should have a progress update for you next edition!



Looking more broadly across the Central Coast, Councillors went through their first Budget process as an elected group since 2020, prior to administration. As Chair of the Governance and Finance Committee, this is a process I have been heavily involved in and I am pleased to announce that this financial year, we are spending over \$1 billion on works and services to the community. This includes everything from road upgrades, through to managing our libraries and ensuring our water and sewer systems are working properly. Post administration, there is more to do as we rebuild our financial platform, and it is a process that we will work through throughout the term of the Council.

As always, if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me via email jared.wright@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Chair, Governance and Finance Committee, Central Coast Council

FROM THE EDITOR

Happy to receive articles, ideas or suggestions for Island News. Information, articles or advertising copy can be sent to the Editor at secretary@sthubertsisland.nsw.au

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FISHOS CORNER

Spring has sprung! The water is getting warmer and clearer after recent rains, and the fish are biting. It's time to wet a line before the influx of tourists.

As always, the Rip Bridge area is firing. Kingfish are in the Rip area hanging around moored boats near the Booker Bay Marina. Jewfish are being taken at Pattys Channel with reports of good catches in Woy Woy channel and the wharves around Empire Bay. The beaches continue to produce good catches of Australian Salmon, rays, sharks and the occasional Taylor, Flathead and Bream. Outside, fishos are bagging out Flathead at the usual places with quality Snapper and Morwong on the reefs.

Today's photo is of a nice catch of Flathead and a Jewfish taken at Pearl Beach. If you have caught a fish or two and want to share it with our readers, simply email your pics as well as details: where, when caught etc to the Island News.



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 <https://sthubertsisland.nsw.au/>

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

ST HUBERTS ISLAND BOOK CLUB

The books we read this quarter included:

The Happiest Man on Earth. (Eddie Jaku)

It took the birth of his first child to bring happiness to Eddie, a German Jew born before WWII. He had endured more than most could survive, having been separated from his loving parents at an early age and living under an alias to receive an education. He subsequently survived several concentration camps because of his education, strength and will to live. A great book to pick up if you ever feel the need for gratitude.

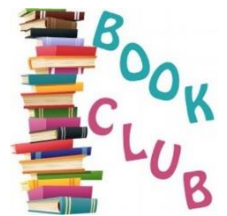
Trick of Light. (Fiona McCullum)

The main character in this story, by an Australian author, is Erica who is still grieving from her mother's death and her father's dementia when her husband passes, leaving her in financial stress. She isolates from her friends and focuses on her job as a makeup artist, where she meets a mentally ill person who subsequently stalks her. The main lesson in this tale is for ladies to be involved in the family finances!

Win. (Harlan Coben)

Coben is a prolific American writer, and this is his first book with Win as the protagonist? It is a mystery thriller filled with twists and turns. It is a page turner. A bit complicated, but that is what makes it interesting. Win is an arrogant, wealthy man who plays by his own rules. He's a vigilante who gets involved in an FBI investigation involving murder, The Jane Street Six (labelled a terrorist group), art heists, The Hut of Horrors, abduction and torture of many young women, including his own cousin Patricia and the murder of his uncle Aldrich. Win needs to solve these crimes whilst protecting his family's name.

Happy Reading, Carolynne Mucharsky





**SAVE
THE
DATE**

ST HUBERTS DAY



SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2025, 3PM TO 7PM

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RESIDENTS ONLY



St Huberts Island Residents Association committee invites all residents to come along and enjoy fellowship with your neighbours, make new friends and celebrate International St Huberts Day.

St Hubert is the patron saint of hunters, dogs, archers, knights, metal workers, mathematicians and opticians. His feast day is 3rd of November. St Hubert of Liege was born in 656 AD and died in 727 AD.

Events planned:

- **St Huberts traditional Trivia challenge**
- **Wine tasting by Empire Bay Cellars**

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