



SIRA Jan - May 2022

An update

Here's what SIRA's
Subcommittees have been
doing this year.

From the president

SIRA's Subcommittees have been busy this year. There have been developments in two important areas - roads and water and wastewater, as well as with wharves, recreation club activities, and revision of the website.

I would like to warmly thank all of those who have stepped up and joined Subcommittees this year. All residents are encouraged to join these Subcommittees as this is where much of SIRA's work takes place, and this is where you can really make a difference.



COMMUNICATIONS

Progress on updating website

SIRAC Subcommittees have been working on revising pages relating to their area and Alec Beckett has been working hard on enacting the changes.

Thanks to the Roads, Drainage and Environment team, to the Water and Wastewater team, and to Nicole Thompson who generously donated her time and expertise to review and rewrite the Environment section.

Also thanks to Juliet Wills who has worked on parts of the Directory.

All island businesses that would like to be included in the Directory, or who would like to update their entry, are encouraged to visit the Directory and fill out the form provided.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE

CB Floyd - Team Leader
Shane O'Neill - Social Media
Alec Beckett - website and IT
Sharon Kinnison
Sue Armstrong
Lisa Ratcliff

Would you like to join us? Contact
communications@SIRA.org.au



WELCOME TO SCOTLAND ISLAND

RECREATION CLUB & HALLS

Events this year have included:

- A Sunday concert with Markus Plattner and band, and singer Jess McGowan (March 20)
- Boat repair workshops by Simon Tucker (27 February, 13 March)
- A Newcomers Welcome (April 10)
- An Island Race (April 10)
- A play, *Love Letters* (May 7)

Ongoing activities include:

- Table tennis in the Recreation Centre on most Saturdays, usually from 3 pm onwards, but new players are welcome to come at 2 pm.
- A new discussion group (managed by Jane Rich and Roy Baker), CHAT, on the last Tuesday of the month in the Recreation Centre – 11 am to 12:30 pm. See the PON for details.
- International Folk Dancing held on the last Saturday of the month from 7-9pm.

Three new events are planned

- 40th Anniversary of the Opening of the Community Hall will be celebrated on 28 August, during the café, with speakers and lots of photos (tentatively planned: we are looking for someone to manage this).
- Festival of Making, Part 2: Photographic Exhibition will be held on 3-4 September in the Community Hall (contact Tim Turpin).
- A Poetry Slam Event will be held later in the year, probably in November (contact CB Floyd or Bill Gye).
- A Spring Garden Festival is planned for a spring weekend (contact Juliet Wills).

THE SUBCOMMITTEE

Robyn Iredale - Team Leader
CB Floyd - arts/culture
Roy Baker - physical activities
Sharon Kinnison
Shane O'Neill
Lucy Gregg - Hall management

Would you like to join us? Contact secretary@sira.org.au and your email will be forwarded to Robyn.

We are looking for someone to manage an event celebrating the 40th anniversary of the hall as well. Please let Robyn know if you can help!

RECREATION CLUB & HALLS

The Two Catherines Cafe

In the last few months the café has gone through a few changes. Our manager for a long while, the amazing Melinda Ham, decided to withdraw and we considered a number of different options for the café.

In the last two months there were two types of café - a BBQ café on the 2nd Sunday of the month, and a cake, savouries and coffee café on the 4th Sunday of the month. At both cafés we hire islanders to help with the set up and close down, do barista duty, and sell our goods.

We've been beset by rain and a malfunctioning coffee machine this year. But thanks to Luigi Anselmi, we now have an excellent new machine. And maybe the sun will return, who knows?

In the meantime, we've decided to run the café only on the last Sunday of the month. It will be a traditional cake and coffee café, but we may also on occasion offer BBQs.

Café staffing

- BBQ Cafes and staffing: Robyn Iredale
- Cake and Coffee cafés - CB Floyd
- Assisting CB with Bakers Liaison is Amber Ellis.
- The Bakers Group is a fabulous team of bakers who provide us with our yummy goods for the cake cafes.

Would you like to help out in the cafés? Volunteers are welcome to:

- staff the BBQs
- shop for either café
- join the Bakers Group (you just volunteer to bring cakes when and if it suits you)
- help with publicity

Contact either Robyn or CB if you can help.

RECREATION CLUB & HALLS

Where does the money go?

Tables 1 and 2 below show the income and expenses for the Recreation Club for the 10 months to end of April 2022. Expenses exceeded income, but fortunately there is a surplus from the previous financial year (up to 30 June 2021) of \$5,736.

Table 1: Income for Recreation Club 10 months to April

Income	April period	YTD	Café only
Donations to Rec Club	\$0.00	\$2,643.81	\$485.21
Donations to 2C Play	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
Ticket sales	\$0.00	\$1,255.47	
CBP grant (Rec club)	\$0.00	\$27,931.82	
Cafe sales	\$841.41	\$8,837.75	\$8,837.75
Festival workshops/stalls	\$0.00	\$110.00	
Total Income	\$841.41	\$41,778.85	\$9,322.96

Expenses include purchasing the coffee grinder (\$750), the 2nd iPad (\$485), aprons, table cloths (from op shop) and the Square payment device, play development expenses of the Two Catherines play (\$1040), and support for Christmas Carols on Pittwater (\$940).

Major donors have been Colin Haskell, Tim Turpin and Juliet Wills. There was also a \$1,000 donation from LJ Hooker Mona Vale to support the Two Catherines play. Many thanks to all these donors!

Table 2: Expenses for Recreation Club 10 months to April

Expense	April period	YTD	Café only
Bank and Paypal charges	\$15.02	\$122.51	
Cleaning	\$0.00	\$140.00	
Two Catherines Play - development	\$0.00	\$600.00	
Two Catherines - workshops	\$0.00	\$440.00	
Cafe wares and set up	\$250.00	\$1,248.63	\$1,248.63
Cafe barista	\$337.50	\$1,514.00	\$1,514.00
Cafe supplies	\$217.27	\$1,264.10	\$1,264.10
Cafe helpers	\$300.00	\$2,907.25	\$2,907.25
Cafe bakers	\$208.50	\$2,503.01	\$2,503.01
Cafe hall hire	\$120.00	\$780.00	\$780.00
Table tennis hall hire	\$100.00	\$460.00	
Folk dancing hall hire	\$0.00	\$120.00	
Other Rec club activity - music	\$0.00	\$1,540.00	
Other Rec club activity - hall hire	\$20.00	\$140.00	
Festival - other	\$0.00	\$141.75	
Comm Hall awnings	\$0.00	\$27,931.82	
Total Expense	\$1,568.29	\$41,853.07	\$10,216.99

WHARVES SUBCOMMITTEE

In the last few months we have:

- monitored the completion and allocation of spots at Bell and Carols.
- audited the number of available official spaces at all wharves.
- consulted with the TUG committee about plans or discussions with NBC that have taken place.

Carols has now been finalised and we are waiting to hear on delivery timings for the pontoons at Bell Wharf; NBC advises that there have been delays in pontoon fabrication. At this stage it will probably be late May before work starts.

In the second half of the year, Tennis Wharf will be the priority focus for improvements. The status of Eastern Wharf is unknown at this point.



Photo courtesy Geoff Bullock



Photo courtesy Geoff Bullock



Photo courtesy Duncan Watts

THE WORKING GROUP

Duncan Watts and Sue Armstrong -
Team Leaders

Plus interested local residents on each
wharf as issues arise

Would you like to join us? Contact
secretary@sira.org.au and your email
will be forwarded to Duncan and Sue.



Photo courtesy Geoff Bullock

ROADS, DRAINAGE & ENVIRONMENT

Traffic NSW are now completing a report on the condition and safety of the current state of public roads on the island. This came about because of concerns about safety in regard to the registering of light vehicles such as golf buggies on the island.

We now await their report to Council and then what action NBC will take to meet the standards required so that pedestrians and vehicles are as safe as possible. Hopefully, the outcome will enable residents to register and insure their vehicles.

The heavy rainfall this year has seriously worsened the road conditions and the capital works program for the next three years does not allocate nearly enough funds to fix the problem or meet the safety standards required by TNSW.

One of our Pittwater Councillors has been alerted to this situation along with NSW Representative Rob Stokes. Our Councillor has requested Council to explain how the capital works for the island for the next three years have been arrived at. We hope to have this information in the near future.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE

Sharon Kinnison - Team Leader

Cass Gye

Brian Rodgers

Tim Turpin

Colin Haskell

Harriet Witchell

Ben Dray

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Thompson Street
Photo CB Floyd



Photo showing rain damage;
courtesy Shane O'Neill

ROADS, DRAINAGE & ENVIRONMENT

Our Roads, Drainage & Environment Subcommittee have spent a lot of time and energy lobbying for improvements, and some sections of our roads have improved over the past few years. We continue to press for more funds to carry out much needed work.

It is clear that the more noise we make, the more likely it is that progress will be made. Residents are strongly encouraged to provide feedback to Council on the state of our roads using Snap Send Solve. Just search for the app online, then download it to your phone. You can then send reports and photographs of issues and submit them to the relevant bodies - e.g. Northern Beaches Council.



Photos showing rain damage on Scotland Island Roads
courtesy Shane O'Neill



WATER & WASTEWATER

Water and Wastewater Feasibility Study

SIRA has recently had a meeting with the Minister for Water and our local NSW Parliament Representative Rob Stokes, as well as two representatives from Sydney Water, to discuss the findings of the review of Council work that the previous Minister for Water had instructed Sydney Water to carry out. Their findings were supportive of the work done to date.

Sydney Water's message to us was:

- It can be done!
- We will welcome you as customers
- We are looking now at funding models (with Council soon and NSW Government).

The installation work on Scotland Island will supply potable water and service sewerage. We could not obtain a commitment on a date for the funding modelling work to be completed, but we will push through to advocate for the project to progress both directly and indirectly with the support of Rob Stokes.

Regarding the costs to individual properties, Sydney Water said it was too early to advise. The total cost of installation is significant and slightly more than the estimation in the Feasibility Study by Council as it now includes some works to link and upgrade systems on the mainland at Church Point.

For any questions, please contact SIRA committee members or members of SIRA wastewater subcommittee.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE

Fabienne Hautefeuille - Team Leader

Cass Gye

Sharon Kinnison

Steve York

Basil Daher

Guyren Smith

Marie Minslow

Colin Haskell



COMMUNITY LIFE



Nettie Lodge painted a beautiful mural around the basketball court and provided matching paint for the basketball backboard!



The cafe has a shiny new coffee machine! Many thanks to island resident Luigi Anselmi.



Markus Plattner and band



Jessica McGowan sings with Markus Plattner and band



The Island Race 2022: participants take off. Photos courtesy Sophie Blackband.



And the winners were; Will Blackband (first), Peter Cumming (second) and Craig Lauchlan (third).