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SIMO is now a publisher. "North Stradbroke Island", by committee members Ellie Durbidge and Jeanette Covacevich, was launched at an island party for about 300 people at the Pt. Lookout Bowls Club on 20th September. Committee members pooled their financial resources to fund publication of the book. It has been very successful. Close to 3,000 copies (only 4,000 printed) were sold in 1 month and committee members have their money back. The book has been well received. One of the reviews (from "Semper", the University of Queensland Newspaper) is reproduced here.

"This book provides a subtle testimony for the island. As the authors put it:

...North Stradbroke is a remarkable place. It lies only 30 km or so from over 1 million people, yet much of it is natural and its beaches are never crowded nor eroded nor polluted; its landscapes and habitats are unique, but over 80% of the island is subject to mining leases and will thus be severely modified if not totally destroyed; its appeal to both residents and visitors derives from its isolation, yet this may be destroyed by a bridge from the mainland...

For anyone with the slightest interest in the island, the book is highly recommended. The numerous photos and drawings, as well as the text, are bound to give a deeper appreciation of the island. For those who simply want to get out and enjoy the island there are ten appendices which list everything from the names of frogs, to fishing guides, to historical places to bush walks. All information is thoroughly referenced.

The whole history of the island covers incidents of shipwrecks, convicts, a quarantine station, and the 'Benevolent Asylum', which was replaced to Eventide at Sanagore as a strike-breaking move by Labor Premier Ned Hanlon in 1947.

Finally the book reviews future prospects for the island. Should it remain a partial wilderness or should it be mined further, connected to the mainland by a bridge, and subdivided as prime real estate?

There is no need for a heavy-handed response to be impressive in answer to this question, because the picture of fragile, unique beauty has been constructed. The island has been allowed to speak for itself.

Stuart Doyle"

If you haven't already purchased your copy, you need one. The books are on sale for \$4.75 from island stores, bay newsagencies, the Queensland Conservation Council, and the Queensland Museum. An order form is enclosed if you wish to obtain a copy by mail.

Another matter of interest to members concerns the election of a new committee.

Production of "the book" has held up normal business this year so a committee for 1981-2 has not yet been formally elected. The following wish to stand and have been working as your committee: Jurek Grodecki (President), Jack Lewins (Treasurer), Jeanette Covacevich (Secretary), Ellie Durbidge (Technical Officer), Gail Bell (Book Treasurer), Estelle Bertossi, Janeen Forde, Jerry Peters, Danny Rago, Noreen Shields, Kath Walker (Committee Members).

If you wish to nominate anyone else or join the committee yourself, please do so (by advising The Secretary (SIMO, P.O. Amity). If not the committee as suggested will be regarded as elected.



The BRIDGE ISSUE has reared its head again in the newspapers. To help us speak properly for our members (and potential members) would you let us know what you think by completing the questionnaire below and returning it to

The Secretary,
SIMO,
c/- P.O. Amity.

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SIMO BRIDGE QUESTIONNAIRE

I want a bridge connection between North Stradbroke Island and the mainland

soon

sometime

I do not want the bridge ever

Personal details *[complete this section only if you want to]* ▼

resident

visitor

regular

infrequent

own land

rent a place

Name

Address

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MEMBERSHIP. SIMO has more punch (and money) with which to function if it has a large membership. If you care, even a little bit, pay your membership fee, or join up, using the form below. Let us know what you believe needs attention on the island.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I wish to join SIMO

Name

Address

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Phone

I am a passive supporter

I want to play an active role in determining Stradbroke's future