



FRIENDS OF DEAL ISLAND



Dallas Baker tendered his resignation as Vice President and general member last month. Dallas has been on the committee since the group was formed in 2007, initially as Vice President, and then as President from 2008 to 2015. He continued to serve on the committee as Vice President until June 2019. In 2018 he received a volunteering award from the Governor for both his service to Friends of Deal Island, and also his local Volunteer Fire Brigade. Shirley Baker received a volunteering award from the Governor this year, recognising her efforts in restoration of the Superintendents Residence and establishment of the Kent Group Small Museum. We wish both Dallas and Shirley the very best and thank them both for the time, passion, leadership and commitment they have given to the Friends of Deal Island over so many years.

Congratulations to Ranger in Charge Wayne Dick and Heritage Officer Peter Rigozzi for the amazing works program which has been achieved on Deal Island over the last year. All the buildings have had the old asbestos roofing replaced by corrugated steel, and the caretakers' house has a new pitched roof – no more need for buckets to catch the drips inside the house! More importantly, the lighthouse is being given a makeover, inside and out. Contractor Brian Burford, Tassie High Rollers, and team have completed stage one which mainly focused on corrosion removal and sealing all the exterior cracks in the tower, they have applied sealant undercoat where required, and still have a large amount of work to complete when they return in October through to mid November.



Future Working Bees

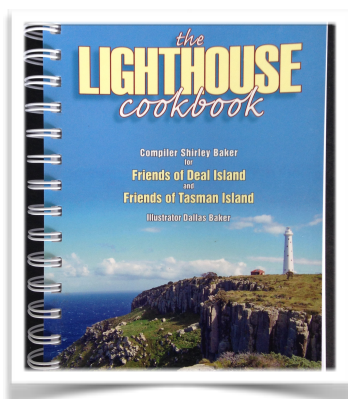
With the visitors house becoming available, we are planning a working bee for mid November, and a second one in March 2020. Keep an eye out for the expressions of interest which will be on the website soon. The main task will be maintenance weeding, mainly ragwort and sea spurge. We may also propagate some coastal saltbush to plant out on the East Cove bank to help stabilise the loose sand which continues to deposit itself on the road - a constant task for caretakers to manage.

General Meeting

A General Meeting is planned for late September, most probably in Ross, Lunch time on a Sunday Date to be advised. An agenda and minutes of the last GM will be circulated closer to the time. We are keen to recruit new members to the committee, so hope for a good turnout. Grants and Fundraising

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We have been fortunate in obtaining a \$2000 grant from the Wildcare Board, a \$5000 grant from the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife, and a \$1200 from the Australian Government Volunteer Grants to assist with upcoming working bees. Landcare have also provided our annual LAP grant of \$120. A big thank to you all. Thank you also to those who gave their time to assist with the shared stall at the Australian Wooden Boat Festival with our merchandise sales and our share of the raffle proceeds netted a bit over \$1000. We particularly thank Dallas for his raffle ticket selling, sitting outside Woollies New Norfolk on several Saturdays and raising \$400 for the groups.



Merchandise available!

Beeswax Wraps - a great environmentally friendly alternative to plastic wrap and an essential for any caretakers! \$14 plus \$2 postage

The Lighthouse Cookbook - whether your caretaking an island or just feeding a gathering this is a great addition to your recipe collection \$12 plus \$8 postage
Both available at General meeting & online!

Dont forget to like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram. If you have any photos that you are happy for us to share please email them through to: dealisland@wildcaretas.org.au

Renew your Wildcare membership: Quick tip - It's a lot easier to renew you Wildcare membership before you renew your Parks and Wildlife Annual Car Pass. If you do, simply quote your Wildcare number and you will receive a discount on your Park Pass. Please be patient - the new Wildcare website is having some teething trouble!

Check that you actually are a member of Friends of Deal Island by logging in to Wildcare Tasmania, selecting the "members" button, then "my preferences". Here you will find a list of all the groups you have expressed interest in. If Friends of Deal isn't on your list, use the box provided to "add new group". Please do check. It saves so much time and effort in getting information out to you if we can use member lists which are complete and up to date.