



# FRIENDS OF TASMAN ISLAND

WILDCARE INC

## NEWSLETTER



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### From the President

I look forward to seeing members, family and friends at our AGM and social meeting at the SOHO Hotel. The AGM will only take a few minutes and then we can sit back and enjoy a counter meal and 3 special presentations – see opposite for details. New members and visitors welcome.

Each working bee costs us about \$6000 for transport costs & we also need \$\$\$ to purchase tools, equipment & building materials for restoration work.

**Good news!** Thanks to FoTI members writing submissions we have recently received funds from the Tasmanian Community Fund (\$4,400 for water tanks & their transport to the island), the Volunteers Grant 2009 (\$4,394 for scaffolding) and the Community Action Grants - Caring for our Country Program (\$10,909 for Tasman Island weed management and restoration of natural vegetation phase 2).

**Want to spend time on Tasman Island?** – Then put your name down for a future working bee. Our last working bee in November 2009 was a great success – see below and our first working bee for 2010 (21 February to 2 March) is all ready to go thanks to the hard work of Erika and her team. There are still a few places left for the April working bee (1 – 10 April) if you are interested.

**Have you brought a ticket in our raffle yet?** See Raffle item below for details of prizes. Can you take a book of 20 tickets to sell and do your bit for FoTI? After many months of hard work by Shirley and Dallas Baker, **the Lighthouse cookbook** is now for sale as a fundraiser for Friends of Deal Island and Friends of Tasman Island. **The Lighthouse cookbook** will be officially launched next Friday. Want to purchase a copy now? – see details below.

Hope 2010 is a fabulous year for you all and for Friends of Tasman Island

Carol

### Fundraising

#### New batch of Tasman Island Beanies for Sale



If you missed out last time!  
Cost: \$15 (GST incl) plus p&h  
Place order by emailing  
[deewebb@live.com.au](mailto:deewebb@live.com.au)

Details of payment and delivery will be sent on the placement of order.

### Upcoming Events

#### AGM & Social Meeting

**When** Tuesday, 9 March 2010

**Where** SOHO Hotel  
124 Davey Street

**Time** 5.30 for a 6pm start  
6 – 6.30 pm: Order meals & AGM  
7 – 9pm Meal and Presentations

**RSVP by Friday 5 March**

**Email:** [Carol.Jackson@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:Carol.Jackson@dpac.tas.gov.au) or

**Phone** 6265 9785

#### Presentations

##### 2007/08 Sea Shepherd Campaign to the Southern Ocean

**Presented by: Scott Bell**

Enjoy a spectacular slide show by FoTI volunteer, Scott Bell, who participated in the 2007/2008 Sea Shepherd Campaign as the ship's doctor. That year, Sea Shepherd placed 2 people on one of the Japanese whale catcher boats, with subsequent media barrages from both sides. The truth always gets lost in these confrontations, as has happened this season.

#### The FoTI Years

**Presented by: Erika Johnson**

Erika has commenced compiling an image database of work undertaken by FoTI volunteers. You will be delighted and amazed at this pictorial presentation of the work of Friends of Tasman Island volunteers over the past four years.

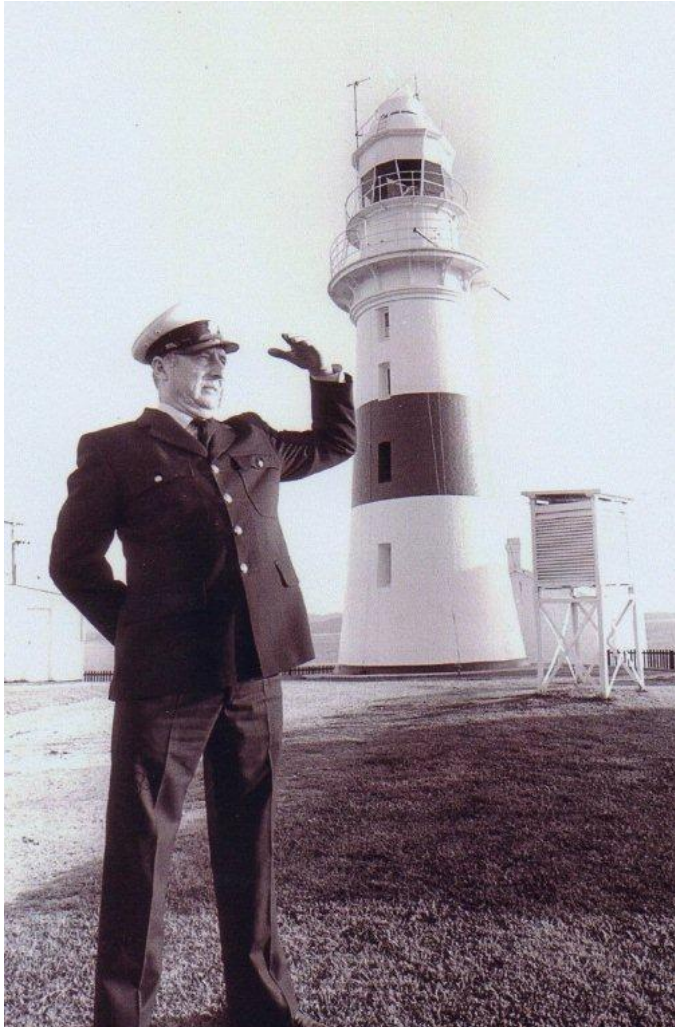
#### The Tasman Light 1971

##### Courtesy of the Launceston Walking Club's Movie Collection

Relive the excitement of Launceston Walking Club members who required 3 attempts over several years before they successfully got onto the island – the old way – by boat, the basket and the flying fox and then up the haulage way on the trolley. They spend the day exploring the island, visiting the lightkeepers' families and inspecting the light (the original, not the current Tupperware light!) before they safely depart.

Guaranteed to thrill you all and a great memory trip for those of us who have accessed the island the old way!

## Tasmanian Lightkeeper: Cyril Griffiths 1925 - 2010



Cyril Griffiths joined the Commonwealth Lighthouse Service in 1962 and served at Maatsuyker, Swan and Tasman Islands as well as Cape Bruny. In 1970 he was posted to the Low Head Light Station as the head keeper where he remained for the next 20 years until his retirement.

Sadly Cyril passed away recently, at peace after a prolonged illness – he will be remembered by other keepers, their families and many residents of Low Head and George Town.

## 2010 Rotary Helicopter Flights to Tasman Island

The Rotary Club of Tasman Peninsula's annual helicopter flights to Tasman Island are scheduled for **Saturday 10 April 2010** with Sunday April 11 as the fall-back option. Cost will remain the same as last year \$370.

Bookings and/or expressions of interest are now being accepted. Further information will be forwarded upon receipt of your details

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## FOTI Raffle: Tickets still for Sale – Can you help?

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1<sup>st</sup> Prize: **Helicopter day trip for 2 to Tasman Island** (Value \$1500)

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: **24"x20" framed medium format photo of Couta Rocks on Tasmania's West Coast** (Value \$450)

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: **Family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) Sea Cruise around Tasman Island** (Value \$330)

4<sup>th</sup> Prize: **Cascade Brewery Visitors Centre Voucher** (Value \$200)

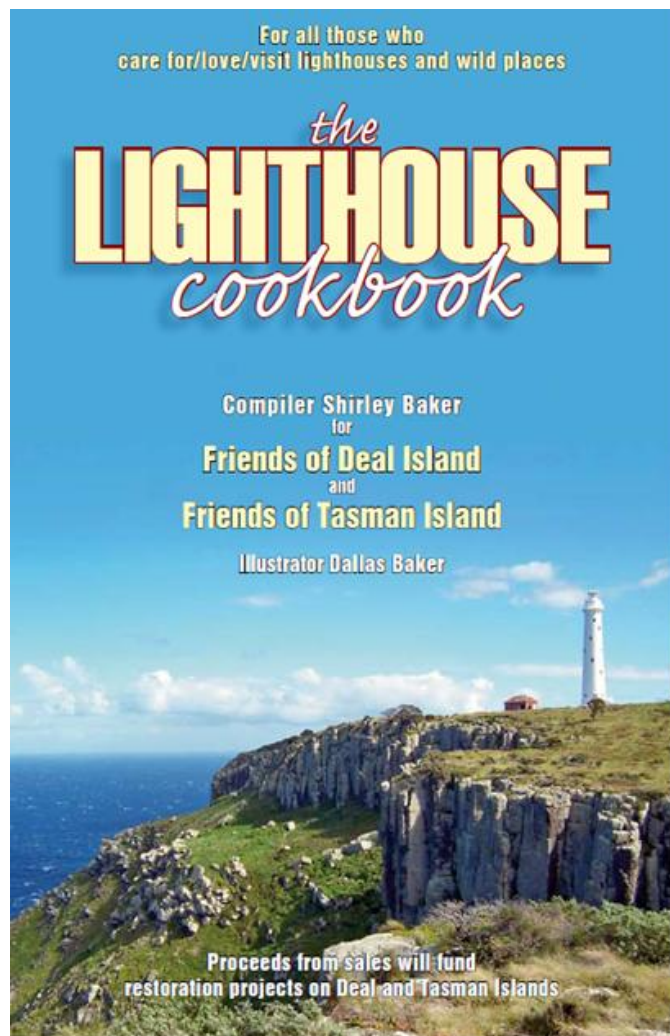
## The Lighthouse Cookbook – On Sale Now

Only 19.95 plus postage and handling – will also be available in selected bookshops soon.

A fabulous compilation of tried and true recipes for all the lovers of the outdoors, wild places and good food.

Email: [lighthousecookbook@bigpond.com](mailto:lighthousecookbook@bigpond.com) or phone 03 6261 1548 to place your order.

All proceeds from the sale of **the Lighthouse cookbook** will fund restoration work by volunteers on Deal Island and Tasman Island Light stations.



## November 2009 Working Bee

The November working bee partially sponsored by **Australian Geographic** and **WildCare Inc.** was an outstanding success. 8 Volunteers spent 9 days on the island with Parks Ranger, Phil Wicks, staying with



us for the first four days. It was warm to hot most days, sea mists playing on and off the island & Cape Pillar for many afternoons and evenings.

A memorable time, with almost daily sightings of Humpback whales and the thrill of witnessing and photographing a *brocken-spectre* of Quarters 3, the oil store, the Tower and us at sunset. Google it if you don't know what this

amazing weather phenomenon is.

Apart from numerous minor maintenance works, weeding and the usual hours of toil on mowing and brush cutting, the main project was reinstating guttering and fascia timber to No 3 quarters allowing more water to be collected for our



domestic use as well as fire control. We achieved all our work safely with scaffolding loaned by Parks.

**Quarters 3 is looking so good**

