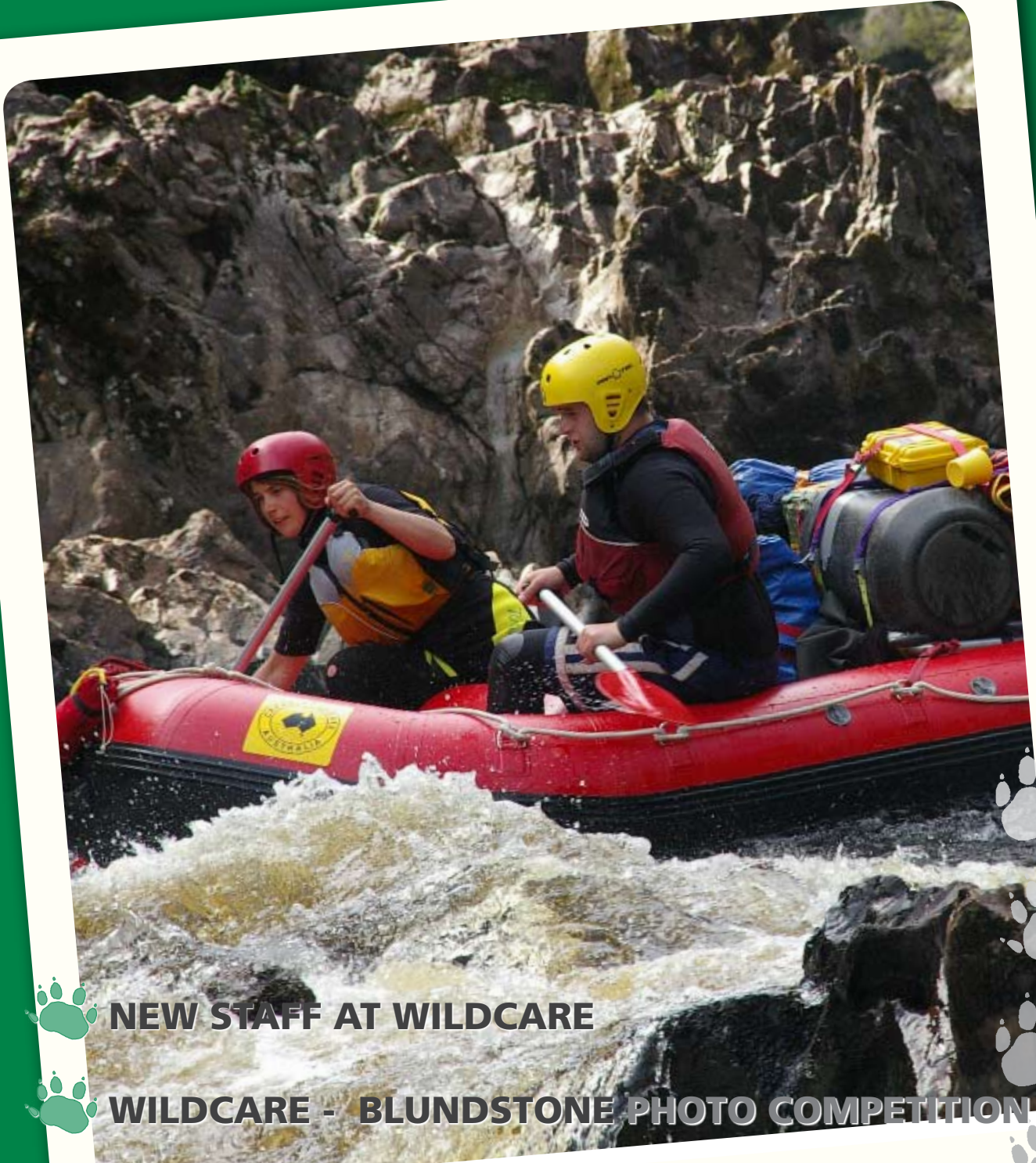


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Editorial

This year's Wildtimes publication schedule will be a little disrupted because I've spent most of the summer working at Melaleuca for the Parks and Wildlife Service, and will spend the Tassie winter cycling in Europe. Tough life, but someone's got to do it I suppose!

And this sort of schedule seems to be so common among the hundreds of keen volunteers that contribute to the many and varied Wildcare activities that keep us all busy. The summer has been an incredibly busy one for Wildcare in the field.

As usual, our ever popular island care groups have been active. Working bees at Deal Island, Tasman Island, Maria Island, Maatsuyker Island and in the Furneaux Group were just a start to the list.

Another great summer for our award winning SPRATS (Spurge Remote Area Teams) group saw a consolidation of their weedbusting on remote southwest beaches and Friends of Melaleuca have just completed their inaugural working bee.

And closer to home we are running big projects at Marks Point on Bruny Island, Coningham, Cape Deslacs, Wilmot Heritage Trails, Great Western Tiers, Millingtons Beach, Lillico Penguins and Waterfall Valley on the Overland Track.

Along with a huge range of smaller projects too numerous to mention here.

All over the state we are looking after Orange-bellied Parrots, rare orchids, stranded whales and orphaned and injured



A Summer Project

wildlife. And we won't forget our groups looking after and a big list of cultural heritage assets: walking huts and tracks, old churches, stone walls and lots more.

Phew And if all these volunteer projects are not enough we have also been supporting, through the Wildcare Gift Fund, big projects such as the Frenchmans Cap Walking Track Upgrade and the Cat Eradication Program on Tasman Island.

So if you're not already part of the incredible Wildcare team we'll slow the train down just a little over the winter to give you a chance to jump on board.

See you out there somewhere

Craig Saunders

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The following generous donations to the WILDCARE Gift Fund have been received since our last edition:

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Volunteer weeders Sarah Harries, William Percy and Matt Stevenson travel between weed sites on the Franklin River



New Staff at Wildcare

The ever increasing workload at Wildcare has meant we've had to call in some reinforcements. From March 2010 two new staff will be joining us. Who are they? Read on



Lyn Robertson

From March 2010 Lyn Robertson will be seconded from the Parks and Wildlife Service for around 3 days each week assisting our office staff with the processing of Wildcare Inc memberships and the other many tasks associated with running our office.

Lyn joined the Parks and Wildlife Service all of 33 years ago (when she was a mere child!) and the Service was still headquartered at Magnet Court Sandy Bay under Director Peter Murrell.

Lyn was originally employed in the finance section preparing wage sheets but later progressed to the typing pool. She also spent time as personal assistant to senior staff and in one memorable year prepared over 1000 possum shooting permits for Wildlife Section!

Around 1987 PWS merged with the Lands Department and Lyn made the move with the rest to the current headquarters in the Lands Building in Macquarie Street. Lyn spent more time in the typing pool and sometime in the mid 1990s spent some lunchtimes relieving other staff at the reception desk. And she was so good at it that she made it her own. And that is how most of us know Lyn – the sometime cheeky, always friendly face you meet as you come out of the lift or up the stairs to the second floor at Parks.

Lyn thinks of the Parks staff as her second family, she loves them all and tells me that she'll '... probably be mummified before she leaves the place'.

Well Lyn, we like you too and look forward to working with you more closely at Wildcare.

Jodie Epper

Hello, my name is Jodie Epper and I would like to introduce myself as your new part time WILDCARE Facilitator. My job is primarily to help WILDCARE groups across the state with accessing grants to help with their conservation activities. I will be working on Monday and Wednesday mornings and can be contacted via email on



wildcarefacilitator@gmail.com or phone on 0437 959 061.

I have a background in supporting community care groups and landholders across the state with conservation activities. I have spent a good lot of my time working with community groups helping them accessing grants, developing projects and helping with field days and promotion.

I live in Hobart with my husband Russell and his two girls, our son Phoenix and a naughty pug called Aussie. I am looking forward to working with you and supporting your amazing efforts in our wild places.

Craig Saunders

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A Happy Artist Returning to Maatsuyker Island

(Brief observations from 8 wonderful weeks on Maatsuyker Island)

Arriving by helicopter to take up an Arts Tasmania Natural and Cultural Residency on Maatsuyker Island, I set up house in Quarters 2 with the good company of enthusiastic FOMI volunteer Min (for the first 4 weeks) and Mike and Alan from PWS (for the first week). I make up a bed in the same room that I slept in 40 years ago. The new bed and mattress is thanks to FOMI efforts and a Volunteer Equipment Grant.

This is my second Christmas on Maat and once again the weather is wild - 50 knot winds gusting to 70knots and 6 metre swells making the sea boil around The Needles. Back in 1970 the Christmas supplies were ruined in the bilge of the Kathleen Delmar when she sprang a dangerous leak on route to the island. Christmas dinner that year was crayfish caught by my dad with a ring dropped over the side of the landing and Trumpeter he fished from sea below the Tower. Warmed then by the briquette stove in the kitchen we watched the small glass window panes bend in the wind. This Christmas Min and I put on our thermals and fleecy jackets and are thankful for the double glazing installed in the '80s. We join caretakers Annette and Trevor at Q1 for roast pork with roasted Maat. potatoes and more. Thanks to the efforts of the caretakers -especially Annette, I get to eat delicious fresh produce from the Maatsuyker garden throughout my stay.

As I revisit my old Maatsuyker diaries I remember with affection Mewstone the cat and Pampa our part Greyhound dog that loved to race around the island road. Given that domestic animals and pets were kept on the island for nearly a century it is remarkable that Maatsuyker is free of feral animals -especially mice and rats. Our stores are safe set out on the pantry shelves. Maatsuyker is now a National Park and part of the World Heritage Area. Bio-security is paramount and visitors like me must take great care not to inadvertently carry uninvited guests. I expect the Bumble Bees arrived with only the assistance of the wind.

The landing where I came ashore back when Maat. was a working light station is washed away and the Gulch is now occupied by hundreds of Fur seals. Through Min's fabulous new binoculars I can study them in extraordinary detail from my perch high above the Gulch. I attempt to master the art of life drawing through binoculars.

Min and I eagerly read up on the history of the island and exchange information with Trevor and Annette. Trevor figures out that the quantity of diesel once consumed each day by the generator now lasts the island a full year.

When Min leaves the island to return to work I still have the company of Green Rosellas nesting nearby. Skinks roam through the house on warm days and I sit for hours sketching their comical antics as they stalk the flies or lie with 'hands' behind their backs and belly down maximising contact with the sun warmed floor.

I am ever grateful that there are no snakes on Maatsuyker Island. Sketchbook or camera in hand I secrete myself in the vegetation knowing that a rustle in the dry Blandfordia or Ghania leaves signals the presence of a skink, a small bird or even Antechinus minimus minimus.



Maatsuyker Island Lighthouse Dressed Up for the Party

Until the mid '80s light keepers like my dad and brother were required to spend time each week learning Morse Code, Semaphore and the International Code of Maritime Signal Flags.

Annette lends me her sewing machine and I create a full set of Signal Flags. On a spectacular day with help from Annette and Trevor I 'dress up' the Tower. We pop a bottle of Min's excellent ginger beer brewed on the island.

I have come to Maatsuyker to re interpret the Signal Flags thinking about the experience of women and children on the island. Like others before me I gaze at the southern horizon as I hang out the washing.

Matchbox cars discovered in the undergrowth by a FOMI volunteer weeding crew, a small yellow chair and initials scratched into the kitchen door frame remind me of children living on the island.

As I stride up, down and around the island paths I memorise the Signal Flags and collect words and images for a Maatsuyker Island alphabet - 'A is for astragal, anemometer, aerial, Antechinus, Abalone; B is for Buzzie, burrow, Bronze-wing, binoculars; C is for Currawong, coast, cloud, cumulus ...'

I am thrilled that with the arrival of new caretakers Alan and Sheryl there are children on Maatsuyker again. During my last two days on the island I enjoy time with Jonah and Evie and I leave some of my flags behind with them on the island.

My thanks to all who contributed to making my artist's residency on Maatsuyker Island possible and successful - especially Mike Garner and Pip Gowen at PWS, Caretakers Trevor and Annette Wash, FOMI committee members and Min.

My residency was assisted through Arts Tasmania by the Minister for Tourism, Arts and the Environment.

Gwen Egg



A Happy Volunteer on Maatsuyker Island

(Snapshots from 30 fantastic days on Maatsuyker Island with Artist in Residence Gwen Egg and Caretakers Trevor and Annette Walsh)

After much planning and preparation Gwen and I arrive on Maatsuyker the week before Christmas 2009. Mike Garner and Alan Thurston (PWS) are with us at the start to re-roof the Bureau of Meteorology building (BOMB) and make other repairs as time and weather allow.

The new light weight scaffold purchased by Friends of Maatsuyker Island with a grant from the Tasmanian Community Fund is ready at Ryan's Point to be transported to Maat by 'in-kind' contribution of PWS. It's too windy for the scaffold to fly so it waits till the chopper comes to take Mike and Alan home to spend Christmas with their families.

"Off to work painting the steps, Annette prepping the BOMB for painting, Trevor re-roofing the chicken shed and Gwen up to Macquarie Slopes sketching and writing".

"Today I went to work on the drains with Annette and Trevor. We used mattock and spade to dig out dirt and vegetation that has filled the drains over time. The vegetation comes away in a long mat that can be rolled up revealing the work of the road crew of 120 years ago. The drains are beautifully chipped out of solid stone. Annette is determined to clear the drains along the length of the road from the Whim to the Tower. We found Annette with her broom – sweepings from the drain are excellent mulch for the garden".

"Started work on the Whim Shed today. I loaded my tools in the wheelbarrow and set off 'Happy as Larry' in my overalls. The Whim Shed is just as it was left when the haulage ceased being used to bring supplies up from the Gulch - the winches stripped of their engines, some rubbish, lots of grease and grime and spider webs. As I cleaned I unearthed engine pieces, nuts and bolts, an old wooden box and rollers from the haulage-way. It's a joy to get to work on the 1920 Haulage Winch 'Harman' cleaning off the rust and painting on fish oil to help preserve it."

"To the Whim this afternoon with Annette and Trevor to inspect the area that has slumped and eroded. When the vegetation was cleared away we could see the cause. Sections of an old clay pipe that runs under the road have dropped and separated allowing water to escape from the joins. After discussing how best to make the repairs we ease the pipes back into place. Trevor tested our work with a bucket of water sent down the drain. Trevor and Annette then got to work with a crowbar to quarry stone to stabilise the pipe. They are constructing retaining cages with chicken wire and stone to hold the back-fill in place."

"Up early with my camera to catch the sunrise and the morning light on Macquarie Slopes, the Tower and the Needles. Found Trevor and Annette already on the job painting the Bomb. I rushed back for a quick breakfast and set off to help with the painting. The wind is picking up and so is the temperature with 24 degrees at 9am (a record for this time of day). We finish the painting and retreat inside the house which stays cool as the outside temperature rises to 30 degrees by 2pm."

We also had time to play:

"4am: To Macquarie Slopes to watch the Shearwaters take off. Unbelievable noise as 100s of 1000s of birds leave to feed. Then, suddenly, the Shearwater are gone, the small birds start their chatter and the sun comes up. We head home for breakfast on the terrace, looking out to the South West Cape at the start of another gorgeous blue day. It's too good a day not to be painting so I finish the white strips on the steps."



Marina Campbell rests after carrying a big load to the Island

1pm: To the Keepers Tree with Gwen to record the plaques of past keepers and caretakers and then to the summit where we watch a Sea Eagle riding the thermals.

3pm: Off to practice doing the weather with Trevor and Annette.

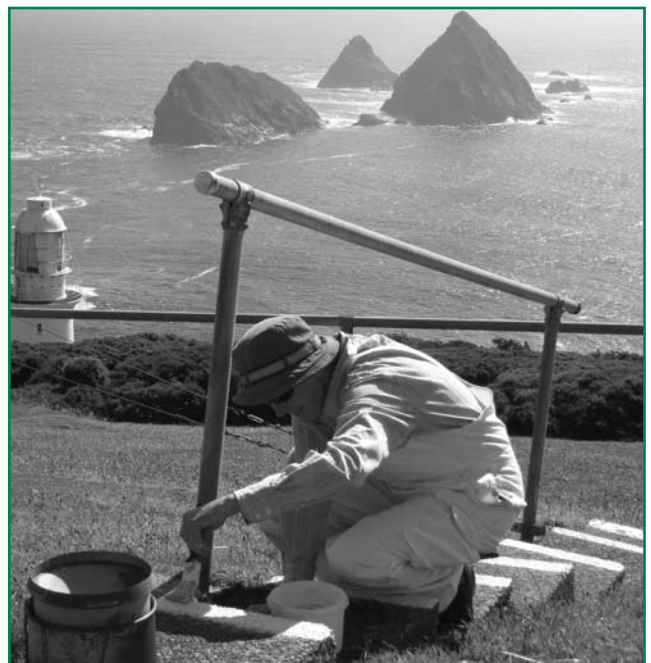
6pm: Down the track in front of the Tower for a picnic tea. We watched seals playing in the wash and pups splashing in their pool high up on Seal Rock.

8.45: Back at Quarters 2 we rugged up to watch the sunset and then the Shearwaters returning to the island. They lift off the sea, circle high up to get their bearings then drop out of the sky and scramble back to their burrows. We lie on our backs watching a symphony in the sky as the shearwater glide quietly with just the sound of wings and an occasional chirp when they come close to each other. The birds in the burrows start to call and the sound builds as their partners return."

So much is being achieved by the wonderful volunteer caretakers on Maatsuyker. It was a joy to work with and to share the wonders of Maatsuyker Island with Trevor and Annette. The work undertaken on the buildings by the volunteers and PWS is guided by a Catch-Up Maintenance Plan (Rigozzi 2009) commissioned by PWS.

This was the best volunteer experience. Thank you to Mike Garner, Senior Ranger, and Pip Gowen, Volunteer Facilitator PWS for their wonderful support in making possible this once in a life time opportunity.

Marina Campbell



One Day, One Life... on the Overland Track

'Is that you, Mr. Rudd?'

'Yes it is. Kevin Rudd.'

'You've climbed Cradle Mountain?'

'Yes, on my way down from the top!'

'It's hard! Don't know if I can make it?'

Some encouragement in Mandarin (Chinese) from the P.M. was all that was needed to convince Jing that she could make it too.

Having come to Western Australia from China to study at University to become a teacher, and staying on to work in W.A., Jing was introduced to bushwalking on the Bibbulmun Track. There she met a 70+ year old woman, walking alone along the full length of the track, from Perth to Albany, a distance of almost 1000km.

'If she can do it, so can I!' Jing reassured herself.

After completing four Great Walks in New Zealand last year, Jing is here to experience another Great Walk, The Overland Track.

Not only had she reached the summit of Cradle Mt that day, but also Barn Bluff as well, returning to Waterfall Valley early that evening, before heading South the following morning.

'Such freedom, such space,' Jing beamed.

"Nan", from NW Tasmania, arrives with her family of 8, including 2 grandsons. Nan's wish for 40 years has been to walk the Overland Track. Now 75, and more determined than ever, she booked and paid some months ago for her whole family, then invited them along!

Still energised and buoyed by her first day's achievement, considered the hardest day, from Waldheim to Waterfall Valley, "Nan's" up early, bag packed, and first ready to hit the trail southward. She sets the pace to Lake Windermere. We come across her and her family, one hour later, in a sheltered thicket, trangier boiling, ready for a morning cuppa, spirits high and family chatty. Along the track we meet her son, who had set off alone from Waterfall Valley Hut to Lake Windermere Hut at 6.30am, dropped off his own pack, and walked back up the track to carry "Mum's"!

I had no need to ask what she thought of the P.M.'s ascent of Cradle Mt. 'I don't think Kevin Rudd should be climbing Cradle Mt. Far too risky!' she exclaimed. She was, however, thrilled to have her grandsons photographed with the P.M. at the base of the mountain, by a local newspaper photographer.

First walker in that same day was Maria, who had just flown in from Spain the day before, ready for her 6 months of work at a Northern Tasmanian winery. Up since 4.30am, due to the effects of jet lag, Maria had completed the first leg of the Overland Track well before lunch. With 18 days to enjoy herself before her work started in earnest, she considered the OLT a must. She has the perfect lifestyle, she suggests, 6 months of work in Spain and 6 months in Tasmania. She has done this for several years. And walking in the Pyrenees is her great love, also.

Maria's face glows as she shares her joy of being in the Tasmanian Wilderness. Not interested in climbing mountains, she 'fills her cup' by watching the changing skies, the birds and other animals, taking in the delicateness of the alpine



Helen Young on the Overland Track above Dove lake

flowers and the varied mountain terrain.

No wine in her pack, no need! 'You come and have a drink with me at work,' she offers. And contact me when you're coming to Spain and we'll have a walk in the Pyrenees.

'Are you able to look at my friend's injured ankle?' requests a shy young female walker from Hong Kong. Both, having been in Oz, working and travelling for 7 months and planning this trip for 12 months, their dream is to walk the 'famous' Overland Track. Trusty Ruth, a visiting friend, inspects the damage, wraps the ankle tightly to prevent further swelling and suggests a rest day, before continuing.

The injured walker's friend, excited by news from another young male walker just returned from scaling Barn Bluff, decides to give it a try herself. This helped her to deal with

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some frustration associated with having to stay an extra night at the start of the walk, at Waterfall Valley Hut.

'It was scary, but fantastic,' she exclaimed on her return.

The girls were able to continue South the following day, with the help of a borrowed walking pole, and despite the challenge of a heavy pack and sneakers, both girls' determination to succeed was sure to win the day and the walk.

Two German 'angels' appeared at the hut door, around 8.00pm one evening, accompanied by a pale and flagging overseas lone male walker, overcome by the intense heat of the day, having drunk his last drop of water well short of his destination and unable to continue.

Found covering by the side of the track, his 'angels' shared their water with him, encouraged and assisted him to continue, a green supermarket bag full of food in one hand and a large bag of sleeping gear tied loosely on the side of his backpack.

On arrival at the hut, all language barriers were soon overcome with the sight of a sweet cup of tea. Gradually the walker's face began to show signs of colour and life, along with a friendly welcome by fellow walkers. Soon the arduousness of the day began to fade. Before long the trangia was alight, and noodles for the evening meal were soon ready to eat.

On pitching their tent, the two German girls returned for their cuppa, promised in lieu of their good deed for the day.

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Friends of Melaleuca

A First Working Bee, March 2010

Friends of Melaleuca's inaugural working bee began with summery sunshine and a delightful flight into the South West. Those of us who flew were met at the Melaleuca airstrip by two yachtsmen, keen to volunteer a couple of days work.

The first mission, to construct a safety fence around the Rallinga Mine separating plant, was accomplished with plenty of expertise—four engineers no less, and a physics graduate—bringing to mind a certain light bulb joke. The fence is a simple affair to warn the public that structures are not being maintained and therefore could pose a hazard.

Meanwhile, members of the roofing team were scratching their heads, deep in thought. Recent removal of an encrustation of lichens on the roof of the Charles King Memorial Hut had revealed failed sheets of iron. A heavy-duty reflective tarpaulin was to be secured over the curved roof in such a way as to avoid tearing on sharp corners or roofing screws. Planning and foraging paid off. Ken the boat-builder came up with an ingenious solution, improvising spacers from materials on hand—plastic pipe from Rallinga Mine and rope originating from the great ocean warehouse. The tarpaulin was fixed neatly in position the following morning and tied down with bungee cord and more beach-washed rope. This should last for up to a year, until new roofing is organized.

Our two yachting engineers flew into action as a demolition team, neatly dismantling a redundant PWS fuel compound fence situated at the old mine, and organizing it into component parts. They then moved on to preliminary planning for ventilation in the two bushwalkers huts. With all those wet and steamy bushwalkers, the plywood linings in the huts are suffering from damp and mould.

On our private lease, Geoff and Tony were making progress with measurements for restitution of the side walls of the house and installation of a ceiling prop. The ceiling lining had broken up in Karina's cottage in the garden, so Ken with his helpers, set about repairs. Slipping weatherboards on the First Camp were also nailed back into place.

The weather was so warm during the first two days that now and again volunteers enjoyed a plunge into Moth Creek or Melaleuca Lagoon to cool off. On Sunday evening the crew at Melaleuca joined the crew on Reflections for the evening meal aboard that lovely yacht. We rowed around the Lagoon in Blue Boat to where Reflections was moored in Melaleuca Inlet, and after a delicious meal, rowed home again under a still and starry sky.



Ken Jones preparing the Charles King Memorial Hut temporary roof cover

Work was leavened with a day off. A boat trip to Bramble Cove, including a turn around Breaksea Island, was precipitated by a forecast of rain and wind come Tuesday. Four seasons in about that many hours did not damp the enjoyment of the day out. Rain squalls one hour, swimming in sunshine the next! Reflections fled back around the coast, and sure enough, Tuesday brought the forecast gales and rain, so the team was confined to indoor jobs.



Fencing team at work in the Rallinga Mine

Our trusty volunteer Bill flew out on Wednesday, but reinforcements arrived. Hillary and Carol got to work. Mops and buckets were the rage, and all that mould soon vanished from the lining in the Charles King Memorial Hut. The surface was then sprayed with Boracol mould treatment.

Heritage listed machinery also needed attention. Rust was given the flick with scrapers, wire brushes and fish oil. Southern Cross engine and saw-bench, water monitor nozzle and a Thomson pump had a good face-lift. We used up all of our four litres of fish oil. Twenty litres next time! While working on the machines at the old mine, we had the pleasure of watching a flock of ten Orange-bellied parrots that had not yet made the migratory flight to the mainland.

Many thanks to the volunteers who so cheerfully gave their time, expertise and effort. It was a satisfying thing, to tick off so many items on FoM's works program. And there are plenty of jobs for next time!

Janet Fenton
President, Friends of Melaleuca



Hilary and Janet oiling a disused mining pump



Announcing the Wildcare - Blundstone Volunteer Photo Competition

With a hugely busy summer behind us it's time to go back over those hundreds of digital pics you took on the last working bee and dig out the very best of them for the benefit of the rest of us, and at the same time maybe earning you a great prize.

The 2010 Wildcare – Blundstone Volunteer Photo Competition is open to all members of Wildcare Inc. Each member may submit a maximum of three digital photographs in JPEG format (maximum file size for each photo 5 MB) to be emailed to the Wildtimes editor at wildtimes@wildcaretas.org.au arriving no later than 5pm Friday 3 September 2010.

Each photograph must have been taken on a Wildcare activity since 1 July 2009. Authentication will be at the editor's discretion. Photographs will be judged on how they best depicts 'Wildcare Inc – Tasmania's largest incorporated volunteer organisation, caring for wild places, wildlife and cultural heritage'.

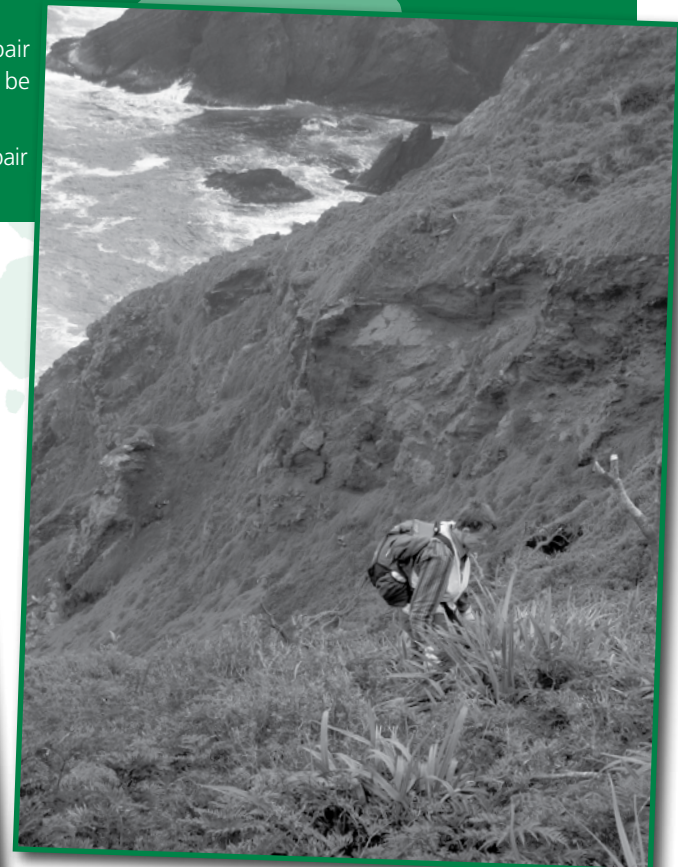


Prizes for the competition will be:

First Prize: Wildcare clothing to the value of \$200 from the Wildcare Shop AND a pair of Blundstone leather walking boots. The winning photo will be published in full colour on the cover of Wildtimes Issue 38 in September 2010, an honour also attracting free Wildcare membership for 2011.

Second and Third Prize: Wildcare polarfleece jacket and a pair of Blundstone leather walking boots. Minor place getters will be published on the Wildtimes Issue 38 rear cover (in colour)

Best 10 other entries: A choice of Wildcare polarfleece jacket or pair of Blundstone walking boots. (Boots subject to available stocks.)



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Wildcare Out and About Over the Summer



Col Rowe crossing New River Lagoon at Prion Beach Feb 2016
Photo Steve Cronin.



Craig and Debbie Searle Wondering what to do with the new toilet tank at Melaleuca photo Craig Saunders



Loading the new Fridge and Stove for Deal Island.
Photo Shirley Baker



Repeat volunteer caretakers Trevor and Annette Walsh on Maatsuyker Island photo Marina Campbell



Ken Jones and Hilary Bennell attend to the King Family Museum at Melaleuca. Photo Janet Fenton



Summer...



Heads down Bums up for the Spurge Local Area Team on the east coast photo Jon Marsden-Smedley



Hold on to that Tank, Deal Island photo Shirley Baker



Volunteer Lunch at the Office, could be anywhere on Cassie's wonderful coastline! photo Geoff Luscombe



Survey for threatened plants Vale of Belvoir with Threatened Plants Tasmania Feb 2010 photo Vicki Campbell



Penny Tyson, Kaye Birch, Ron Fehlberg with Graham and Ingrid Roberts behind on Toogaloo Beach with Spurge Remote Area Teams Port Davey. Photo Bob Tyson.



Rafting and Weeding on Tasmania's Western Rivers:

Blackberry Control on the Andrew, Franklin and Gordon Rivers

In the more than 30 years that I have been walking and rafting in Western Tasmania I have seen many changes. The number of walkers and rafters has waxed and waned, tracks and pads have come and gone, campsites have developed then become overgrown, but the number of weeds only seems to have increased.

While in the World Heritage Area and its adjacent areas this increase in the number of weeds is most marked with the amount of sea spurge on the west coast, there are also major increases occurring in other areas. One such area is the number of blackberries on the western rivers.

Blackberries are spreading down the Andrew River and into the Franklin River from the Crotty Road, which as an old railway line has been blackberry infested for a long time. In 2004 Parks ran a survey trip on the Andrew River which indicated that blackberries were present in the upper parts of the river. In 2007 the lower Franklin River had been surveyed by the Tasmanian University White Water Rafting Club which also identified a number of sites. However, whilst these surveys indicated that blackberries were present along the rivers, their numbers appeared to be manageable provided targeted efforts were made.

Concern over these issues lead to the PWS Parks and Reserves Manager in Strahan, Chris Arthur, approaching me to see if I could organise, through the uni rafting club, a blackberry survey and control trip on the Andrew and Franklin Rivers. The main reason for getting the uni rafting club to run the trip was that the local PWS staff were not experienced rafters, and they did not have sufficient people and equipment to run the trip.

The word was put around the uni rafting club in April 2009 and eight rafters put their hand up, including one who was a qualified herbicide sprayer. Blackberries were found in a total of 64 sites on the Andrew River, 10 sites on the lower Franklin and one site on the lower Gordon River. We managed to spray or dab all but two of these sites. The two sites that were missed were on the lower Franklin River and were spotted as we swept past when the river was in flood...

With the help of Wildcare and Cradle Coast NRM the uni rafting club repeated the trip in November 2009. On this trip we had nine rafters, including two who were qualified herbicide sprayers. We found blackberries in a total of 49 sites, 14 of which were new sites. Of these new sites, five were in areas not previously surveyed, two of the new sites contained about 30 plants and the remaining seven sites contained less than four plants. All of these sites were treated.

When the data collected during Easter 2009 was compared against the November 2009 data, there as a greater than 80% reduction in the total number of canes, a 95% reduction in adult canes and 64% of small sites were found to be free of blackberries. Although these figures indicate that we are making great progress in removing the blackberries from these rivers, we are also very aware that this is a long term project that will take at least a decade to achieve success.

However, we have a strategy for maintaining our efforts over the long time periods required to successfully perform



Ultra Safe Blackberry Spraying on the Franklin River

these projects: combine effective environmental work with great recreational experiences. This means we concentrate on getting the work done but work hard at having fun!

This means we collect detailed geo-referenced information on all weed sites whilst having a great time shooting the river's rapids, camping out on its banks and swimming in its waters. In this way we, using GPS, return to each and every one of the weed sites so we can perform follow-up treatment.

A comment that has been said to me more than once is "when I raft the Franklin, I don't want to see blackberries, so how can I help". This means that blackberry weeding is now a normal aspect of uni rafting club trips on the Franklin River. The known sites on the lower Franklin River have been recorded on the club's maps of the river and herbicide hand-dabbers are taken on trips.

Whilst the lower Franklin and lower Gordon Rivers can be weeded during normal rafting trips, the Andrew River, where most of the blackberries are located, acts as a weed source and needs to be treated as a dedicated trip. The next trip is scheduled for November this year.

If any Wildcare members want to be involved in this weeding and rafting, get in touch with me (jon.marsdensmedley@utas.edu.au or 0427 334 240). The uni rafting club is open to both students and non-students provided they are fit enough to do the trips and are willing to have fun. On these trips the club provides all of the rafting, safety and cooking gear along with experienced guides so all you need to provide is your own personnel gear.

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Back to Woodsdale Picnic Day and Dry Stone Wall Demonstration

On the 14th March 2010 Shirley Fish and Eleanor Bjorksten, wearing their Dry Stone Walling Association of Australia and Wildcare hats, did a dry stone wall building demonstration as part of the 'Back to Woodsdale Day'.

During a perfect autumn day under the shade of a pine tree the first one and a half metres of a dry stone wall were erected using local stone gathered by the members of the Woodsdale Men's Shed. As the photos show the wall is beside the picnic tables near the Men's Shed and Woodsdale Museum.

All the stones were suitable for top stones, having copious quantities of beautiful moss on them, and being flat as is usual with sandstone. So with tears in our eyes we started to build at the centre of the straight stretch, burying these treasures in the bottom of the construction. The required height is less than normal, as the Museum wishes visitors to use this wall as a bench or extra table top.

Visitors came from far and wide to see the progress and buy the "How To" notes available. One carload came from Lorinna, with WOOFERS (Willing Workers on Organic Farms) from France on board and the enthusiasm was remarkable. We hope there will soon be new walls appearing somewhere in France!

As the writer of this small article I have to confess that on the day I did most of the talking while Shirley did most of the construction. Shirley can be seen placing the frames and



Demonstration Dry Stone wall

looking at the site and stones near by. The third photos shows the final bit of wall at the end of the afternoon.

Shirley has promised to teach her skills to the blokes in Woodsdale so that they can finish the project.

Another friendly and, hopefully, inspiring dry stone wall event!

Eleanor Bjorksten

Wildcare Dry Stone walling Group

Snake Island Revisited

Snake Island is a small (4.5ha) island hugging the Bruny Island shoreline in the northern part of the D'Entrecasteaux Channel opposite the small township of Woodbridge, about 45km south of central Hobart.

The island has been important in the recent history of Wildcare in particular and more generally in community management of reserved land in Tasmania because of several 'ground breaking' events occurring on the island over nearly 10 years.

Way back in 2001 keen members of the Tasmanian Sea Canoeing Club and the Kettering Yacht Club met to discuss threats to the natural values of this island jewel, which both clubs visited regularly for family and club social events.

Their main concern was the rate at which the invasive weed Spanish Heath (*Erica lusitanica*) was taking over the island.

The groups realised the need for an independent group to manage the problem and the Friends of Snake Island was born. The group (very rightly) realised the value of forming under the Wildcare banner and were successful in raising funds for the project under the very first round of the now defunct Australian Government Envirofund program.

Through the years 2002-2007 the group organised innumerable working bees and slowly nibbled away at the Erica menace. Along the way the group trialled many new techniques, some more successful than others. These techniques included contractor spraying, cut and paste, brushcut and spray. The group was also one of the first to work independently of the Parks and Wildlife Service under the now common Community Partnership model.

In 2007 and 2008 spirits were flagging as there were no less than 3 bushfires on the island starting (probably) from escaped campfires.

Still, the fires didn't cause the mass germination of weeds that



Tasmanian Sea Canoeing Club and Friends of Snake Island members Michael Comfort, Desley Kippax, Jenny Scott and Jean Jackson recently enjoy lunch on Snake Island next to their transport and in front of the transformed island vegetation.

was feared and sometime in 2007 the last of the original heath was killed off.

Since then the group has visited the island just once or twice each year to remove small amounts of Erica and blackberry regrowth. What used to be acres of invasive weed is now waving Poa grassland.

In March 2010 several members of the original team revisited the island for the annual attack on regrowth. We had stories of visiting the island 10 years ago with children that have since grown up and all the good times in between leading to this good news outcome.

If anyone is facing what seems like a dauntingly long project, take heart, it's worth tackling and the long term results are great!!

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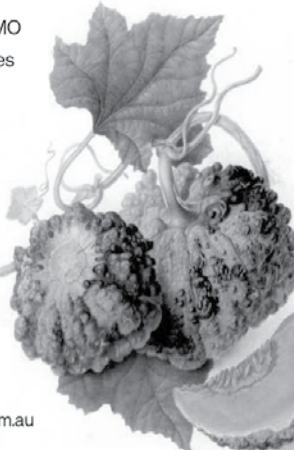
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Save the Tasmanian Devil Program Roadkill Project

The Save the Tasmanian Devil Program Roadkill Project was officially launched in December 2009 and is well and truly motoring. We have distributed over 8,000 replied paid report forms and launched an online reporting system. In the last few months we have had an enormous response from locals and tourists alike, receiving reports via phone, post and web.

The main 'roadkill season' lasts from around December to February, which is when juvenile Tasmanian devils are disbursing to find their own dens. This, unfortunately, is the time when we see most devil roadkill.

Our two key Roadkill Project messages are:

- 1) Slow down between dusk and dawn
- 2) Report roadkill sightings to the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program (download the report form from the project website)

The Program would like to say a huge "Thank you" to all the businesses and community groups who have supported the Roadkill Project's first season.

We will continue to monitor devil roadkill throughout the year, and that is where the help of members of the community, who have a commitment to wildlife conservation, is invaluable. It's easy to get involved, you can find out all the details at our website.

Check out the Roadkill Project at www.tassiedevil.com.au/roadkillproject.html

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Park staff I've Worked With...

Bill Forsyth rambles on about Parks Staff he's worked with ...

I mentioned in my last ramblings that I would next introduce you to Ranger Kathy van Dullemen.

I first talked to her over the telephone some years back. She was stationed at Cradle Mt at the time. She told me she was familiar with the Oatlands area. She had a girlfriend living on a property called 'Inglewood'. This is a large property east of Oatlands at Andover. On her days off from Cradle she would pack her two horses up (the most travelled horses I have ever seen), visit her girlfriend and go riding around the area.. Or to some other horsey activity within the State.

Before joining Parks Kathy was an active member of the Hobart Walking Club and the Derwent Canoe Club. She spent a lot of time leading walks and exploring rivers and lakes by kayak. She became a volunteer on the Orange Bellied Parrot Program at Melaleuca. That was when she decided to apply to Parks for a position.

Sometime in my early days as a Track Warden at Waterfall Valley Kathy became the PWS supervisor for the program. Kathy organised a meeting at Waterfall Valley for those volunteers rostered for the coming season.

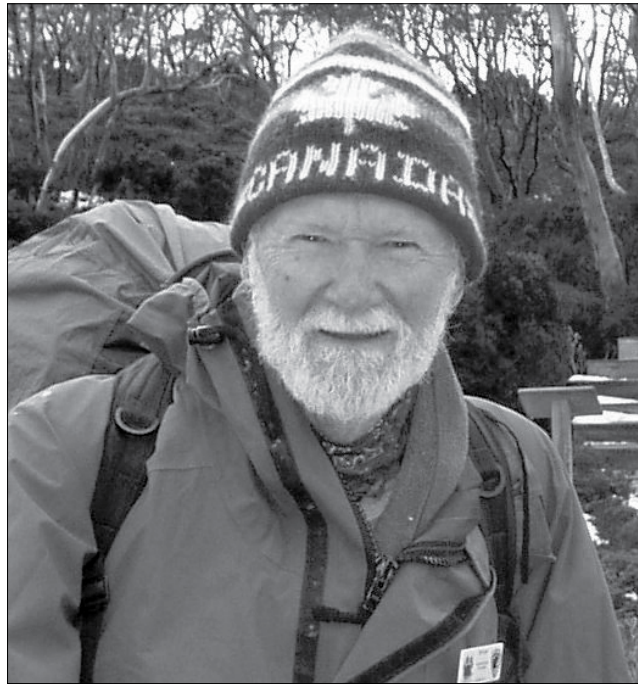
We took over the Old Waterfall Valley Hut for our instruction and slept and ate in the New Hut. Not many walkers around. It was in November. In my opinion she was very well organised and the program was managed very well.

Kathy was our supervisor for a couple of years. Later I assisted Kathy in the far Northwest on a Risk Management program based at Stanley.

Her next posting was to St. Helens. Kathy assisted the Binnalong Bay Progress Association with planning works for the foreshore walking tracks and community weed management programs.

She won the hearts of the locals with her abilities. She also purchased land in the St.Marys township after a stint renting a spectacular home up on the hill above Scamander Beach.

It was at Cradle when after seven years as a temporary employee with the service, she was made permanent. I helped with the celebrations!



Bill Forsyth April 2009

Today Kathy is on unpaid leave and during this time is making a home with David Hean on the property 'Marlborough' at Bronte Park. She also owns a property at Victoria Falls close by.

Next, I shall tell about Ted Bugg, Senior Ranger at Cradle Mt. Ted was a carpenter by trade and an real outdoors man.

He's had had several trips to the Antarctica resurrecting Mawsons' Hut.

Anyway, more later.....

Bill Forsyth



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From Little Things Big Things Grow

When we first decided to spend some time in Coningham NRA removing weeds we really didn't know what we were letting ourselves in for. We had lived in the area for about ten years and had watched spanish heath (*Erica lusitanica*) gradually spread across the areas where we walked.

In November 2002 we heard that the group now call Southern Coastcare Association of Tasmania (SCAT) was looking for a site to take students from The Friends School for several days as part of their Year 9 Enrichment Week, so we quickly contacted Mel Fazackerly and offered Coningham Nature Recreation Area. The work achieved by that first group of students really invigorated us and together with a group of like-minded people from the Australian Plants Society, we began to hold regular working bees in the Reserve.

In 2003 we joined Wildcare and formalised our previously rather informal arrangement with the land managers the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS), forming an Adopt a Track group with the help of newly employed District Volunteer Facilitator Craig Saunders.

It wasn't until we successfully gained our first grant, from Wildcare in 2004, that we began to think more strategically. We realised that the Reserve needed a management plan and that we needed a specific weed management plan. We began writing to Peter Mooney, General Manager of PWS, giving him updates of our progress, asking for a formal management plan and for more PWS input. We also began a series of surveys to ascertain the extent of the weed problem we were attempting to deal with. These initial surveys provided the backbone for our working bees and the weed management plan.

As the years have progressed we have gradually been successful in obtaining further grants. It seems a proven track record in delivering expected results on time is a valuable commodity. As well as monetary grants we have also been successful in attracting labour – a Green Corps team for six months, another session with The Friends School, a day with Girl Guides from England, people from the Mental Health Unit, several days with various CVA groups. All these groups achieved wonderful results and all were supported by our wonderful group of volunteers.

The financial grants have enabled us to equip ourselves with good tools, personal protection and first aid; GPS and mapping software; brushcutter and backpack sprays; a sound recorder for bird surveys as well as to pay contractors for weed spraying, weed mapping and vegetation surveys and to beef up boundary fencing.

Our increased knowledge of the Reserve and the threats it faces has given us the confidence to converse with various levels within PWS and has resulted in significant input into the recent management statement for the Reserve.

In 2008 we were faced with our biggest challenge when a wildfire and subsequent back burn razed about 75% of the Reserve. We knew there would be a mass germination of seeds from the soil seedbank and with this in mind applied, successfully, for one of the new Caring for our Country grants. We were extremely fortunate that the grant is for a period of 18 months as the drought of 2008-09 meant that few seeds germinated. However with the 2009 winter rains we have seen a huge flush of emerging seedlings and we now have the means to deal with this.



Cold and dirty work, but we're still smiling at morning tea

We feel that the first Wildcare grant way back set us on a sometimes bumpy road to being able to really achieve something positive for the Reserve, culminating in our largest grant to date, the Caring for our Country. We have always tried to work in with other local bodies such as neighbouring Landcare/Bushcare groups and the Kingborough Council, but this new Caring for our Country grant has encouraged us to also work with the local community and organisations such as Birds Tasmania. As part of the grant we are preparing a booklet that will be of use to the local primary school and neighbouring landholders. Our associations with these new organisations have revealed members of our Friends group have skills we can utilize. For instance Christine is a highly experienced bird watcher and Graeme and Sue have experience in education and communication. We would have never discovered this without the grant.

Along the way we have learnt much about the Reserve and its values, we have been able to forge a good relationship with the PWS, we have learnt that we are capable of more than we had thought - applying for grants is certainly not for the faint-hearted - and we have learnt a lot about the generosity and knowledge of our fellow volunteers. Most of all we have enjoyed ourselves making good friends and enjoying being out in the bush making a difference.

Jean Taylor

Friends of Coningham



Dee and Peter share a joke, but still keep working



King Island Whale Stranding Training

King Island has always been a hotspot for mass whale strandings. Back in November 2004 we had two mass strandings at opposite ends of the state – one being on King Island and one on Maria Island which meant staff and gear were going in all directions.

At the King Island stranding there were 97 longfinned pilot whales and dolphins at Sea Elephant Beach.

Then March 2009 there was another mass stranding of bottle nosed dolphins and long finned pilot whales on King Island this time at Naracoopa and included about 192 animals.

They were spotted by locals who took immediate action and under direction of DPIWWE staff over 100 locals helped rescue the 53 whales still alive and return them to sea.

This was a massive effort and whale mats and other gear was flown to King Island for the rescue.

In March 2010 a WILDCARE Inc First Response Whale Stranding Training Day was run for 30 enthusiastic locals, most of which had attended at least one whale stranding.

The training highlighted volunteer safety, the Incident Control Systems (ICS), whale behaviour and ecology and hands on demonstrations of best practice whale rescue.

The group were highly motivated and are now setting up their own first response team under their new president selected on the day. Chris Arthur trained the group in the ICS and Steve Mansfield assisted me on the beach with volunteers.

Shelley Davison the local PWS ranger will act as a resource for the newly formed team. The team already has a wealth of experience and includes local ex ranger Nigel Burgess and his wife Mavis.

The training was made possible by a WILDCARE Inc grant by the Cradle Coast NRM through funding from the Australian Government's 'Caring For Our Country' program.

This grant also allowed for some equipment to be bought for



The Pilot Whale (in training) is rolled onto the rescue mat before being carried into the water

the community First Response Team to assist at whale rescues. The group will decide what gear they need.

The biggest and most important items required at a rescue, next to people power, are whale mats. Peter Upton from Uptons Salvage Trading Pty Ltd donated 30 whale mats for whale hotspots around Tasmania.

Six of these were given to the King Island community which will make a fantastic difference to getting whales back into the water quickly and effectively.

Over the next couple of weeks the First Response Team will be able to work out what gear they need and make good plans to ensure they are ready for the next mass stranding.

Ingrid Albion
Education Officer, Parks and Wildlife Service.

(For more information on other Wildcare Whale Rescue First Response Teams around the state contact Ingrid Albion on Ingrid.Albion@parks.tas.gov.au or on (03) 6233 3807)



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Lighthouse Cookbook Launched

The Lighthouse Cookbook was officially launched on Friday 26th February by Chris Wisbey (ABC Radio) at the Lindisfarne premise of 40° South Pty Ltd.

Chris Wisbey announced the Lighthouse Cookbook launched and in his address to guests attending, Chris spoke of his admiration for the work which Wildcare Inc Friends of Deal Island and Friends of Tasman Island are undertaking on both of these islands with the funds raised by the Lighthouse Calendars and now with the publication of The Lighthouse Cookbook.

Guests were treated to a "taste fest" at the book launch with dishes prepared from recipes in the cookbook. These dishes were prepared by donors of recipes which have been published in the cookbook. Some of the foods offered for sampling at the taste fest were Continental Scones, Bobotie, Penny's Good Madras Curry, No Knead Bread, Aberdeen Sausage, Auntie Agg's Custard Kisses, Chutneyed Rabbit Curry, Carol's Tuna and Rice Dish, Easy Bacon and Egg Pie, Shelly's Marshmallow Slice, Lighthouse Rocks, Little Squally Squid, Spicy Chicken Wings, Majella's Caramel Macadamia and Fig Tart, Erith Island Choc Chip Cookies, etc, etc.

Those attending the launch included Chris Wisbey from ABC Radio, Sally Wise (Author) who wrote the foreword for the cookbook, representatives of Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service, Wildcare Inc Board Members, 40° South production staff, Wildcare Inc members, community representatives and retail book sellers.

The cookbook is a joint project of Friends of Deal Island and Friends of Tasman Island and has been partly sponsored by

Tasmanian Flour Mills, Elvston Cottages of Flinders Island and Walkers Supermarket of Flinders Island and assisted by a \$2,000 grant from Wildcare Inc.

Trusted recipes (more than 200) have been the focus of the cookbook and the variety offers a wonderful selection of fail-safe tasty dishes. Also included is a chapter of menus for main meals and desserts for large groups of 8-10 persons which will be useful for working-bee groups. These recipes are accompanied by light-hearted illustrations by Dallas Baker.

This comprehensive cookbook is a "must have" companion for all those who enjoy camping, travel by caravan, boat or who own a shack or holiday cottage and enjoy life in the outdoors. A copy would not go astray in any household kitchen.

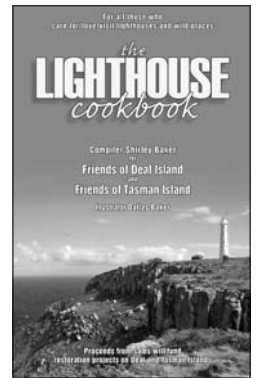
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Shirley Baker

Friends of Deal Island



Lighthouse Cookbook Cover

Wildcare Members Become Remote Area First Aiders

Eight Wildcare Inc members recently attended a Remote Area First Aid Course facilitated by St John Ambulance.

The extensive and comprehensive program included training in the use of defibrillator and oxy-viva equipment.

All Wildcare Inc members who attended are actively involved with Friends of Deal Island and Friends of Tasman Island as well as a number of other Wildcare Inc wilderness programs.

Their newly gained Remote Area First Aid Certificate will allow them to work in remote areas with a greater degree of confidence in dealing with the unexpected.

Carol Jackson

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What are all these King Island residents so happy about? See more on page 18.



Wildcare Cochair Will Forsyth, Competition winner Maureen Harris and Prize Committee member Peter Grant at the presentation of Wildcare's Nature Writing Prize.

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