



FRIENDS OF TASMAN ISLAND

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*FoTI is part of the Wildcare network, the largest incorporated environmental volunteer organisation in Tasmania. We work in partnership with Parks & Wildlife Service Tasmania, caring for the natural and cultural values of Tasman Island.*



Cape Pillar & the Blade from Tasman Island  
Photo Amanda Thomson

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Best wishes to everyone for a peaceful  
Christmas season & the continuing joys  
of restoring Tasman Island



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**LoA AGM & Lighthouse Conference**

Despite the floods in October this year, a few FoTI members headed to the NW Coast to attend the Annual General Meeting of Lighthouses of Australia at Devonport. Unfortunately, some Mainland members were stranded in Melbourne when the Bass Strait Ferry sailings were cancelled, but were able to participate via Zoom. We welcomed keynote speaker, AMSA's Heritage Coordinator, Sarah-Jane Lakshman, who spoke about AMSA's role in maritime safety.

The following day the 4th Lighthouse Conference, organised by Thomas Gunn, was held at the same venue. The day's programme featured speakers on a number of aspects of lighthouses and lighthouse life including architects/ builders John Lee Archer and James Galloway as well as the Stephenson family. There were interesting segments on lighthouse animals and lighthouses in children's literature. FoMI's Robyn Mundy spoke enthusiastically about writing a lighthouse novel (*Wild Light* is set on Maatsuyker Island); FoTI's Erika Shankley showed a collection of historic photos following the construction in 1904/05 of Tasman's Island's precipitous Landing and Haulage;





Mary Iles, a descendent of Robert Chance of Chance Bothers glass factory in Birmingham England (which is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year), told her family story.





Thanks to AMSA and Sarah-Jane, a bonus for Conference delegates was an inspection of the Mersey Bluff lighthouse, first lit in 1889. The weekend concluded with an inspection of the Low Head lighthouse and the sound of the foghorn echoing across the bay.

**Signals to the outside world**

A  Thanks to former lightkeepers Karl Rowbottom and the late John Cook, some lighthouse memorabilia has been preserved. One interesting item is The 1931 International Code of Signals Volume 1 for Visual & Sound Signalling, published by His Majesty's Stationery Office, London in 1932. It outlines various means of communication including Morse Code and Semaphore as well as Code Flag signalling. The 359 page volume was priced at 15 shillings and was essential reading for lightkeepers.

P  Lightkeepers in those days needed some means of communication with the outside world and advertisements in the Gazette for the position of lightkeeper indicated that it was imperative that applicants were familiar with the International Code for flag signalling and also Morse Code for night signalling.

Y  A memo which was delivered in November 1933 by the Lighthouse Supply Ship *Cape York*, indicated that *"The Master of the vessel will be under instructions to make a signal—using the new code—to each lightstation. The message should be answered by the lightkeepers in the usual way—answering pendant at the 'dip' when signals are observed and 'close up' immediately the signals are understood."* Head office also indicated that *"Both the details of the signal observed and the decode of same are to be recorded and forwarded to this office."* ... but ended with the comment that *"The use of the new code signals before the 1st January 1934 (when the new code will be used), any message sent by a lighthouse steamer or a lightstation is purely for practising purposes and not to be taken literally ..."* (!!)

E  Included in the book are the code signals for every lighthouses around the world, including the Tasmanian coast — APYE = 4-flag code signal for Tasman Island.

**FoTI's 36th Working Bee**

"You are all heroes. Thank you so much for all the hard work and dedication." This Facebook comment says it all ! Despite Tasmania's contrary weather, the first contingent of FoTI's team of volunteers arrived safely on Tasman Island.

There was a diverse team: both off and on the island. Of the nine volunteers who arrived on the first day, two left at the halfway mark, replaced by two more for the last five days. Everything went smoothly, thanks to Carol's help, PWS staff and Osborne Aviation.

However, the weather had been pretty wild, wet and windy in previous months and a few remedial repairs were required:



- Extra drainage on the main track;
- Repairs to a water tank outside Q3;
- Clear a blockage in the official rain gauge at the weather station for the Bureau of Meteorology;
- and the header tank at Q1 had completely blown away !

Despite almost continuous wet, windy weather there were enough periods when the grass was dry enough to mow.

Some areas were so thick it was found better to mow first at the highest setting, leave the grass to dry, then mow a second time at a lower setting.



← Inside the BoM rain gauge

↓ Ron installs the new hot-water heater

Repairing wind damage to tank at Q3

Talk around the table revealed that the volunteers' usual occupations included a Builder, Fitter and Turner, Physiotherapist, Nurse, Soft Furnishing Manufacturer, Farmer, Carpenter, Gas Plumber and Hardware Rep.

The group had received word that both Simon and Cathie from TMAG were ill and were unable to join us. This meant that there would be room for two volunteers to stay for the remaining five days and Alison and Archie agreed to stay on. The weather forecast for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> change-over wasn't encouraging. Osborne cancelled the flight and it looked as if Brett and Ingrid would be staying whether they liked it or not! However after discussions with the pilot on Monday it was agreed to look at it Tuesday morning. Fortunately Tuesday's weather was better



than originally forecast allowing Amanda and Ken to arrive and Brett and Ingrid to depart. We were fortunate that this flight went ahead as it also bought an oxy acetylene set that was required to braze the copper pipes for the new hot water heater.



Draining water from the main track

The almost continuous bad weather on this working bee curtailed some jobs and created some others. Parts of the island are now swamp-like and water was running over the edge of the cliffs in several locations. Flat areas around the helipad (now renamed *Heli Swamp*) and in front of Q1 are very wet with plants in the area showing signs of stress from the constantly wet ground. In one place water was flowing ankle deep over the track to the whim until we located and unblocked the track culverts and drains

**FoTI's 36th working bee continued ...**

A number of window frame repairs were underway— Investigations had been carried out to find how the windows were originally constructed and to find the best method to replace the rotted Huon Pine sills. New sills were then shaped on site using Huon Pine.

Timber for window frames was machined in the Hobart workshop of Paradigm Constructions. Thanks, Dave.



Repairs to window frame.  
Note the polished sash pulls !

**In addition the jobs list included:**

- Check houses for damage or urgent repairs.
- Checked Smoke alarms and fire extinguishers
- Repaired top of water tank on north side of Q3, sheet metal top was torn and flapping due to the wind.
- Install new internally mounted hot water heater to replace the old externally mounted unit.
- Old hot water heater failing to light. Dismantled and cleaned spiders nest from pilot burner. Same issue as occurred 3 times previously.
- Q3 laundry window (W8 CUMP), replace window sill, repair rot in other areas of frame, refit sashes and paint.
- Q2 south facing window (W1 CUMP), replace window sill, repair rot in other areas of frame, paint.
- Q2 laundry window (W8 CUMP) removed sashes for repair off island, covered opening with board.
- Q3 south facing window (W1 CUMP) sash stuck and not fitting correctly allowing water to be blown in and onto the floor in strong wind. Freed sash and bottom trimmed to fit correctly, replaced sash cords and painted.
- Checked operation of Q2 toilet after Rotorlift reported it was faulty, cistern stop tap was closed, no fault found.
- Checked mower, brush cutters, generator etc before starting and serviced at finish.
- Fitted new blades to Greenfield mower.
- Changed generator oil.
- Inventories of tools, building materials, food and weed-ing supplies.
- Completed installing donated original pattern coat hooks in Q2 and Q3 front halls.
- Measured mantle pieces to source future replacements.
- Spring clean of Q1, tidy up and sweep out
- Covered section of Q3 back wall between water tank and toilet with corrugated iron after it was noticed that a section of cement sheet had blown away.
- Fit cement sheet panel in old wood heater door in Q3 south room replacing missing glass to prevent draughts and soot blowing into room.
- Make wall hooks to hang up all 3 brushcutters in Oil Store.
- Section of track to whim ankle deep in water due to run off from rain. Located and cleared 2 under track drains and cleared a section of track side drain. Marked drains with stakes.
- Repaired several broken door handles in Q3
- Fitted roller catches to kitchen cupboards in Q3
- Repaired drawer runners in kitchen in Q3
- Made wooden cover for old kitchen fuel stove to make it useful as a bench.
- Q2 back door stuck due to it being swollen. Planed side of door to ease, painted.
- Repaired rain gauge and advised BOM, they thanked me and switched the recordings back on.



Wally works on the windows



Coat hooks reinstated in Q3 & Q2, thanks to donations from our supporters



**FoTI's 36th working bee continued ...**

Walks and recreation

Every time we explore the island I am amazed at the changes since the last visit. The regrowth of native vegetation seems to have accelerated in recent years. Some routes that we have used on our walks for years have now become almost impassable in places and require detours to get through.

It was not all work and no play! Organized walks were lead to several parts of the island.

The Eastern Circuit.

The Southern Circuit to the Monkeys.

Down the haulage to the landing.

The North Western Circuit.

& half way down the Zig Zag Track until we could view the Zlg Zag landing place.



Down the Haulage



The view is stunning!



Cape Pillar & Cathedral Rock with Anchor Rock below the cliffs of Tasman Island



Farewell until next time !

Thank you to the teams of volunteers for all your hard work & camaraderie—

Group 1 (left) & Group 2 (right)

and thank you to PWS staff & Osborne Aviation

Despite the weather it was a very successful working bee.





A windy hair day

## Gone with the wind ...

Amanda Thomson

The November working bee had high expectations. Initially an ABC Reporter wanted to revisit the island and do a story on the changes in the flora and fauna - she was to be there at the same time as two TMAG experts as we monitored moths and insects. Everyone was very excited, but this plan was scuttled after no approval from higher echelons. Never mind we still had the scientific study. I was monitoring my own moths at home at night to be prepared! The second contingent of FoTI volunteers were ready to leave ...

A couple of days beforehand, the gear already packed up and gone to the island after the orientation briefing, illness intervened, striking both separate TMAG people – they were unable to come!! At the last minute, two volunteers already on the island opted to stay (delightedly) and all progressed. The weather was our next hindrance. The forecast was awful—wet, windy and cold. And it was! We nearly didn't go on the day due to the forecast, but we managed it! Ken and I were the only passengers on the chopper with Jason, the pilot. Our different flight path from Osbourne Aviation at Port Arthur took us alongside Point Puer cliffs, straight up through Maingon Bay and the Tasman Passage to Tasman Island. Quick but fabulous! Nice to have a welcoming committee as we arrived, and Brett and Ingrid took the return flight.

Over the course of the next five days the weather changed rapidly. It quickly deteriorated after our arrival, very windy for the first two days and nights. Intermittent bouts of sunshine, rain squalls and wind for the rest.

Of course, it was lovely as we departed on the 5th day, but were prepared to fly out on the 4<sup>th</sup> day as the weather was looking dodgy, which meant we would be stuck there till the middle of the next week!



*Stylidium graminifolium*  
or Trigger plant

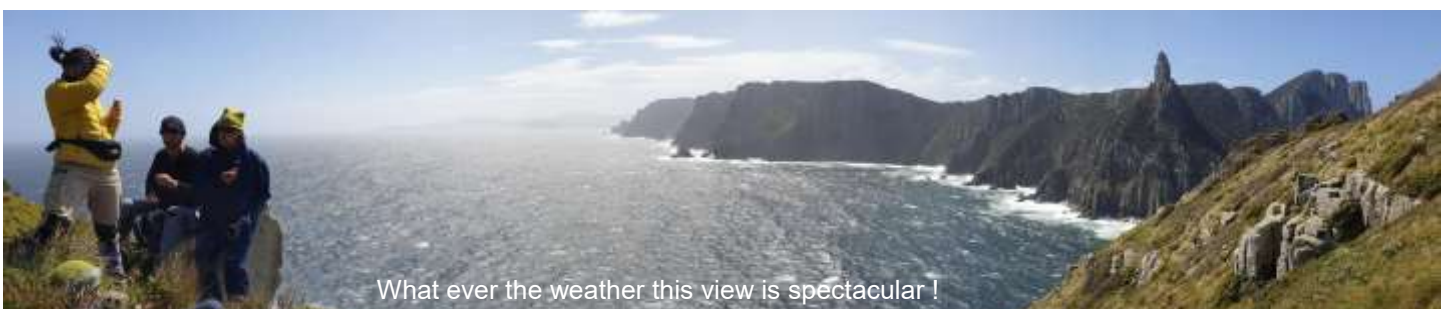
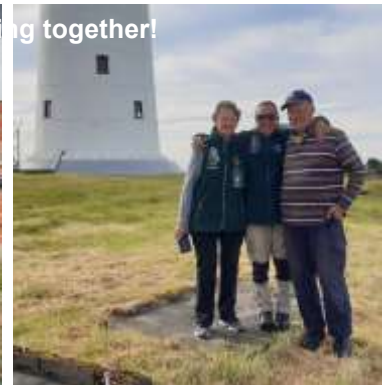
I was now the only Field Naturalist! An enormous amount of gear including a fridge was sitting idle. I was able to use some of the collecting pots and net on a sunny, relatively still morning. If the TMAG 'guys' had come I think the weather would have circumvented most of their collecting. Gale force winds at night would not have been conducive to finding moths. There was very little life on the base of the Lighthouse (one of my most productive collecting spots) as it all blew away! Birds, skinks, insects all laid low for much of the time. Following the heavy rain the volunteers had been unable to mow much, especially the lower main track which was a muddy pond. The

grass was long and moving around the island was more difficult. Indoor works continued, repairing windows, drawers, sash cords, and cleaning. When fine, weeding was carried out by Nikki, and myself sometimes. When able, Nikki was spraying the Californian thistle. She and I found a patch of Yarrow, a follow up from the trip in March. We swept out Q1, and I investigated for insect and spider life at the same time. A Spiny Trapdoor spider I had wanted to find was not seen—this may have been due to a damp floor.

Ron was busy installing a new Rinnai hot water heater system. Glenda was his assistant when needed, and when not cooking for us all. They both did a great job. Hot water!! And great food, catering to our needs, plus doing a complete inventory of the pantry and leaving it spotless. Glenda excelled! They make a great team! It may have been Ron and Glenda's last working trip to Tasman. If so we all want to thank them for their huge contributions—they have been fantastic, utterly reliable, dependable, happy and affectionate members of the teams – made it feel like home! We wish them well, and want them to know how much we appreciate them!



Working together!



What ever the weather this view is spectacular !

### Gone with the wind continued ...

Archie worked on lots of smaller jobs, reinforced an outside wall, fixed the kitchen drawer, made a 'faux black marble' benchtop for the old wood stove, and I believe was responsible for the new window in the laundry. We had suffered darkness and loss of view for a few years without this, one of the most spectacular views from any window! Alison worked with Archie on wood preparations, did brush cutting and helped Glenda with cooking and cleaning up. Chris and Ken worked together on a number of projects, making a new lid for the water tank outside Q3 which was flapping in the wind. An innovative solution! They busily planned and measured for new works on Q3. Also needed to unblock drains to allow water to escape of the main track so the mower could get down. Chris lead us all on our daily walks to his favourite places and those of special interest: the 'secret garden', the Monkeys, the Lost World and ZigZag track. Chris also did daily briefings for everyone on what and where they were going and doing. The team worked well together, and we all enjoyed our time on the island.

I worked with Nikki and observed at the same time where possible. We redid the compost, burying the weeds that didn't go off the island, covered and secured the plastic cover with heavy objects. Together we found new patches of Onion and Sun Orchids on the hill opposite Q2. Not much was open due to the weather but a new location. During the March working bee I had found a small spider (3-4mm) which is believed to be a first photo of a living specimen (*Laestrygones* sp, Toxopidae). This time a Damsel bug (also found in March) was collected and said to be a first iNaturalist record, and possibly first photo of a living specimen (*Stenonabis geniculatus*, male). In the compost I found a small beetle, and again - a first photo of a living specimen (*Nat vandenbergae*), a member of the Lady Beetles, Coccinellidae! Very exciting finds indeed.



Despite the weather, I was pleased with the insects seen and collected. A number of small flies, and also weevils were collected and went to TMAG. Weevils are plentiful on the island and need more investigation. Few birds this time, only two Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos, but we did see the Peregrine Falcon often and Brown Falcon. Metallic and Ocellated skinks seen briefly when warm enough for them to emerge. Tasman is always a wonderful place to be, but let's hope next year's weather is kinder.



### FoTI at Bunnings Christmas night market

After setting up, Carol and Ingrid, together with Archie, Alison and Martin, took part in Bunnings Christmas festivities. On display were range of FoTI merchandise - candles, stubby holders, aprons, lighthouse fridge magnets and, of course our popular Lighthouses of Tasmania tea towels.

Ingrid said "We made \$270 ... which was a good result, given that most of the people came to see Santa and partake in the free Xmas craft put on by Bunnings." In addition to selling merchandise, Carol was able to speak with several people who may be

interested in helping FoTI.

Wally's fantastic Santa's Wishing Well was a prominent exhibit— ever hopeful for the jingle of gold coins! And having our own Square Reader made for great flexibility with sales.

Thanks Ingrid, Carol and the team for a great night!

*Donations!*



Thanks Wally,  
for the Wishing Well  
for donations!

## Tasman Island Weed Report November 17<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Brett Hall & Nikki Hutchings

*This comprehensive report outlines the intensity of work needed to remove invasive species in order to restore the island habitat.*

### Summary

Tasman Island was absolutely saturated when we arrived after all the rain received over Winter and Spring period. The weather conditions experienced during the working bee were VERY windy with some heavy rain, not unusual for the Spring working bee. However, I had not seen so much water laying around in puddles during my previous visits to the island. So much so that some waterlogged trees have started to die in the low-lying areas to the East of Lightkeepers' Quarters 1. This is one of the densest patches of vegetation on the island and this is one of nature's ways of restoring the balance. This waterlogging and the cool temperatures experienced during Spring have meant that vegetation growth has been slower than normal for this time of year.

The number of weeds present also reflected the weather conditions, with them being smaller in size and lower in numbers. There is a lot of competition from grasses that are still actively growing, and very little bare ground exposed for new weeds to gain a foothold. The conditions suited the docks though and these were certainly more plentiful! Given there has been more rain since the working bee we expect that all types of vegetation will be very active in this extended Spring period over the Summer months.

### Active Priority Species

#### Californian Thistle *Cirsium arvense*. (Declared Weed)

All thistles found were at the juvenile stage. We had a pleasant surprise when we started spraying the thistles. Instead of finding thousands like we normally do, we found them to be quite sparse and our total number treated was **662**. This is very encouraging as we have never seen them down at this level before on the island. This makes our aim of eradicating the Californian Thistles from the island much more likely. I believe there could be several reasons for this apart from Lee and Don Cameron's obviously doing a great job last working bee.

The timing of the spraying was earlier than in previous Autumn working bees, thus not allowing as many plants to flower and or seed before treatment. Don & Lee had time to collect the seed and flower heads from the thistles, thus removing most of chance that plants could grow from seed. The seed seems very fertile and may be the main way of spreading, unlike other places where the spread is mainly through the roots.

The cold and wet weather has restricted growth/germination of the juvenile plants this Spring. There were very few thistles present in the wetter areas which could be caused by the small and fine thistle seeds rotting in the soil over Winter.

Since 2019, to help gain a better understanding of the density of the Tasman Island Californian Thistle population, the known area has been divided into four sections and the number of treatments recorded in each section.

November 2019 Totao 2,280

Total: 2,280

April 2021

Total: 8,722

March 2022:

Total: 5845

November 2022

Total: 662

1. In the compost bin!    2. Uprooted by the wind    3. A wet Spring





Wild Radish *Raphanus raphanistrum* L. Annual Brassicaceae

1. Wild Raddish on the menu?
2. Where are the blackberries?
3. Wild Raddish tap root!

The Wild Radish in the old garden area was monitored and plenty of plants were evident. There were 21 mature plants that were in flower, with one tap root measuring 69cm long in the ground and another 23 cm above the ground (92 cm in total) certainly going very deep into the sandy soils in this area. In addition, 561 small seedlings were also pulled and removed giving us a total of 582. Follow up required in the January working bee.

Yarrow (*Achillea Millefolium*) Family: Asteraceae

There are two main sites of Yarrow on the island. The largest patch has been to the South-east corner of Quarters 3. Ingrid dug out 32 juvenile plants from this area, with nothing found inside the house fence. Because the grass was so long, making it extremely difficult to find the Yarrow, a brush cutter was used to trim the grass back to 150mm which was much better. No yarrow was identified outside the Q3 site last working bee.

The other site is down the main track between Quarters two and Quarters one. The known areas were checked, and some additional plants were discovered outside this area. Eighty-two juvenile Yarrow plants were dug out here by Nikki.

Both sites need to be checked in the January working bee.

Wild Turnip *Brassica rapa* L. ssp. *sylvestris* (L.) Janch.

No Wild Turnip identified.

Gladioli (*Gladiolus*)

An old previously identified site of Gladioli has become active again (200M West of Q3). This was identified at a previous working bee during monitoring activity with the Fulcrum app. Visually there were 23 plants above the ground at the site. These were dug up and 50 mature bulbs were removed along with many smaller 'babies'. They were all bagged and removed from the island. Follow up required in the January working bee.

There are a number of other weed species on the island such as Dock, Dandelion, various grass species and garden escapees such as Daffodils and Jonquils which are not as active but are routinely removed.

**Conclusion:**

Even though the Californian thistle numbers have dropped dramatically, all the known territory must be fully covered to ensure that the numbers keep decreasing. By adopting the new strategy with Parks & Wildlife of having a Summer working bee to prevent most of the thistles from seeding, we expect that we can take full advantage of the low numbers found on this working bee to reduce the numbers even further. It is clear that two people are required each working bee to focus solely on the monitoring and removal of weeds on Tasman Island.

Thanks to our weeding 'Newbie' Nikki for taking on the weeding role this time, her attention to detail, diligent approach and work ethic makes her ideally suited for the job. Thanks also to Ingrid who spent hours looking for Yarrow at Q3 and Amanda who helped locate some of the monitoring sites and assisting with composting.

**FOTI MEETINGS:**

FoTI volunteers meet at 5.30 pm on the third Thursday of each month at the Bellerive Yacht Club, 64 Cambridge Road, Bellerive. Zoom sessions are still held from time to time with special presentations of interest. All welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

**WILDCARE BRANCH PAGE:**

FoTI is one of the many volunteer groups which make up Wildcare in Tasmania, currently with 164 active members. Check out our Branch page & photos of our activities in the Gallery. Go to <https://wildcaretas.org.au/branches/friends-of-tasman-island/> to read all about us and click on *Gallery* to see the photos.

## NOTES FROM THE NEWBIES

### Archie Donley & Alison Viner

As new members, Alison and I were surprised and delighted to be able to participate in this working bee. As a retired builder, I had hoped that I might be able to use my experience in restoring the three keeper houses. Alison, as a practicing physiotherapist, was also hoping to be invited along to help with whatever work was needed.



Lunch time at Hooters

We have walked the Three Capes Track twice and sailed around Tasman Island a few times and have been in awe of her majesty. To have the chance to visit and explore was a dream come true for us.

Like everyone who goes there we couldn't help feeling that it's not the buildings as such, that are inspiring, but how on earth did they manage to build them there under such arduous conditions? As a builder, I am truly dumbstruck as to how one would even start to quote on such work. We had seen the haulage way on video many times, but to go down it and



stand on the landing would have to be one of the highlights of our trip, along with the flights in and out.

Workwise, among many other things, I helped restore the laundry window in Q3. Replacing the rotted sill, cut out and replace the rot from the bottom of the weight boxes and reinstall the reconditioned sashes. A strong learning curve for me. Alison spent many days on brush cutting, cleaning, and scrubbing areas of Q2 and helping me when I needed a hand.

When the weather allowed, we very much enjoyed Chris's guided tour of the island (though it is getting more overgrown than he had remembered.) Looking down at a mother humpback going south with her calf that continued breaching beside her until out of view was amazing. We had met Chris many times on working bees with Friends of Melaleuca and FoTI is lucky to have his experience.

The weather changed from lovely sunny days to times when there were 100km gusts, as well as rain and fog. We were lucky that we experienced this range of conditions that would have been normal for the keepers in their time. We hope to go back.



Repairs to laundry wall



*"...but to go down it and stand on the landing would have to be one of the highlights of our trip ..."*

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## FLORA & FAUNA OF TASMAN ISLAND

Five large high quality cards with envelopes. Each card tells a story about the flora & fauna of Tasman Island. Thank you to Ailsa Fergusson, David Edgar, Veronica Steane, Amanda Thomson & Skeat Andrews who donated the art work for this series.

Thanks to Luke Wagner (archivalink.com.au/) the cards are printed on fine archival paper.



**This pack of 5 cards \$35**  
Postage included within Australia

## FOTI ARTISTS' CARDS

This series includes 5 different images by Tasmanian artists. Each card captures a story about the bygone days of lighthouse keeping. Thank you to FoTI volunteers Peter Gouldthorpe, David Davenport, Kate Hansford, Amanda Thomson & Luke Wagner, who donated the art work for FoTI's Tasman Island Artists' Series of cards.

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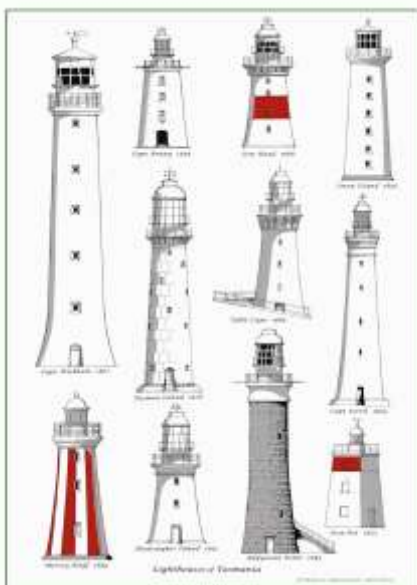
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Featuring FoTI's logo  
designed by Gavin Reynolds  
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**Keepers of the Light:**  
A family's life on Tasman Island by Rachel Chesmer  
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This spectacular panoramic view, seen from Tasman Island, spans the whole escarpment from Cathedral Rock at the tip of Cape Pillar, to Budget Head at the entrance to Port Arthur and beyond. The dolerite cliffs rise three hundred metres above sea level, making them the highest sea cliffs in the Southern Hemisphere.

*Photo Chris Creese*



“Red at night, the sailors delight”, or so the saying goes ...  
Sunset reflected in the windows of the back verandah of Quarters No 3

*Photo Brett Hall*

One volunteer is worth ten pressed men  
(It's a naval expression used again and again)  
So here's to the Friends and their mission bold  
And time well spent in Tasman's fold!

*Helen Gee, March, 2010*

