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|  | Friends of Tasman Island |  |
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| Newsletter |
| AUGUST 2009 |  | No 1 |
| From the President |  | Upcoming Events |
| Enjoy reading the first edition of a regular newsletter which will keep you informed of our activities both on and off the island. No more minutes! Core members recently had the pleasure of a perusing an advance copy of the fourth in our series of Tasmanian Lighthouse Calendars – the 2010 Swan and Goose Island Calendar. I know I say similar words each year but this latest calendar is absolutely magnificent. Friends of Tasman Island and Friends of Deal Island truly value the ongoing support & sponsorship of **Cascade Brewery** and **40 Degrees South** with these calendars.With assistance & support from the Maritime Museum of Tasmania & the Australian Maritime Safety Authority we are about to rescue the **Tasman Island lighthouse collection** (about 180 pieces of the lantern room & balcony) currently stored at the Hobart City Cat Centre depot. We aim to relocate and begin restoration over the next few months – will keep you posted!  |  | General/Social Meeting |
| When | Tuesday, 8 September 2009 |
| Where | Derwent Sailing Squadron (DSS)Marieville Esplanade, Sandy Bay |
| Time | 5 – 5:30 pm: Executive Business5:30 – 7 pm: Presentations |
| What’s On |
| Island of Contrasts – Schouten Island  |
| Presented by: David & Trauti Reynolds  |
| A collection of (no doubt stunning images) from several years of David and Trauti working, weeding, caretaking and exploring Schouten Island |
| The Flora of Tasman Island  |
| Presented by: Bob and Penny Tyson |
| In addition to implementing a weed eradication and management plan for Tasman Island, Bob and Penny have collected and recorded a large number of ‘specimens’ and accompanying images of the flora of the island – guaranteed to be an informative and interesting presentation. |
| Fundraising |
| 2010 Tasmanian Lighthouse Calendar – Swan and Goose Islands |
|  | **NOW ON SALE**To order, email:taslighthousescal@netspace.net.auCost: $22.50 plus postage and handling |
| January 2009 Tasman Island Working Bee |
|  | Presented by: Shirley Baker |
| Nine volunteers, (five usual suspects and four first timers) made the crossing to Tasman Island for 10 days in January 2009 and contributed, as usual, an enormous effort to the preservation and restoration of the light station.  Shirley has put together a very entertaining and informative DVD of the exploits and work done by this working bee.   Will definitely inspire others to put their names down for future working bees! |
| 2011 Calendar – Low Head Lighthouse |  |
| Have you got any great images of Low Head Lighthouse or the leading lights? We want them for our next fundraising calendar.Please send your photos to:By email:**shirley\_baker@bigpond.com**By Post:Shirley Baker74 Moss Beds RoadLachlan TAS 7140 |  |
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|  | Helicopter Flights to Tasman Island |
|  | The annual trip to Tasman Island organised by the **Rotary Club of Tasman Peninsula** has become an eagerly awaited event among lighthouse enthusiasts and people looking to go “somewhere different”. The next trip is scheduled for Saturday 10 April 2010. Volunteers from the Friends of Tasman Island group will spend the preceding ten days on the island in preparation for the influx of visitors. Inquiries: email: **johnhay@bigpond.net.au** or Phone: **0407 526 895** |
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| Other Fundraising |  |
| **Win a trip for 2 to Tasman!** A raffle is being organised - details of prizes will be in the next newsletter. |
| **Tasman Island Beanies** will soon be for sale, cost and order details will be in the next newsletter. |

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| November 2009 Working Bee |  | Upcoming Meeting Schedule |
| The November working bee **Friday 6 November to Sunday 15 November** (weather permitting of course) is sponsored by **Australian Geographic**. One of the main projects will be to reinstate guttering and fascia timber to the No 3 quarters allowing more water to be collected for our domestic use as well as fire control. The first firecracker night will be held on Tasman in over 30 years.The working bees are made possible by the fundraising activities undertaken. Your continuing support for our calendar and other fundraising activities is important. So if you have not ordered your calendar yet, see the front page for details. |  | October Meeting |
|  | Executive Meeting at the DSS:Members do not have to attend this meeting but are welcome to come along. |
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|  | November Meeting |
|  | When | Saturday, 21 November  |
|  | Where | Tasman Peninsula |
|  | Time | To be advised |
|  | What’s On | A number of presentations. Details in next newsletter |
|  | Christmas Function |
|  | Early December, FoTI combines with other Friends Groups for a Xmas Drink and nibbles. More details in the next newsletter. |
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| Some Facts and Photos |
| The light is sited on the highest point of Tasman Island, near Storm Bay, which is close to the Tasman Peninsula. The Tasman Lighthouse is known for the height, 250 metres, and steepness of its cliffs.  |  | *Original Tower, Generator, Radio and Oil Store Shed in 1966.*  |
| Location:  | Latitude 43° 14.5' S, Longitude 148° 00.2' E |  |
| Exhibited | 1906 |  |
| Construction | Cast Iron Segments |  |
| Character | Flashing 1 in 7.5 seconds |  |
| Light source | 12 v 35 watt Quartz Halogen Lamp |
| Power source | Solar Array |
| Intensity | 63,000 cd |
| Elevation | 276 Metres |
| Range | 39 Nautical Miles |
| Height | 29 metres |
| Automated | 1976 |
| Demanned | May 1977 |
| *Photograph taken in 2008 by AMSA*The tower with its new top, affectionately known as the “Tupperware Light” and solar panels out the front of the light.The Radio and Generator sheds have disappeared, but the Oil Store Shed has now been restored by the dedicated volunteers over a number of working bees  |  |