



Friends of South Solitary Island Lighthouse

FOSSIL Newsletter

MAY 2018

Working Bees

As we move towards the time for the annual tours to South Solitary Island Lighthouse, we have been fortunate to have three working bee trips this year.

Our first trip left on Monday, April 9th for five days on the island carrying out painting and repairs to the window frames and glass.

We have vacancies for at least five people for each of the next two trips leaving on July 30th and August 5th.

If you are interested and are a financial member of FOSSIL, please get your expressions of interest in ASAP as these working bee positions are keenly sought after by members.

We would like to have a couple for each of the tours to manage the provisioning for each of the teams and to prepare the meals, etc. If you have any experience in food preparation, or providing for a small group, we will welcome you to come to the island with the team.

Committee Vacancy - Secretary

We still have a vacancy for a Secretary for our group and would greatly appreciate if there is a member willing to take on this role and be part of the committee. To express your interest please email fossil2450@hotmail.com

Fund Raising

We are looking at fund raising options and welcome your suggestions.

One easy way to raise funds and help the environment is to take advantage of the NSW Drink Container Deposit Program.

We hope that we will be able to sell a printed T Shirt and other collectables as part of our fundraising ventures.

These are anticipated to be on sale at a market stall at the Coffs Harbour Jetty Sunday Markets. We need some volunteers to man the stall each Sunday or every second Sunday. Please indicate your interest in helping with this for us.

Return and Earn for FOSSIL



We have secured a donation partner slot on the Hoey Moey Reverse Vending Machine between 28th May and 28th August. Please encourage anyone you know to return their recyclables to the Hoey Moey during this time and choose "Friends Sth Solitary Is LH" as it will appear on the machine due to limited space.

Perhaps you can help your local environment and FOSSIL by organizing a clean-up or acting as a

collection point for friends and neighbours.

Australian National Lighthouse Museum

For some time, we have been speaking with our Coffs Harbour City Council, local members of Parliament, Federal and State, along with AMSA and Lighthouses of Australia to present a case for the Australian National Lighthouse Museum to be located at the Coffs Harbour Jetty Foreshores.



The planning for the foreshores is now in the hands of the NSW Government's consultants, and we have been speaking with them.

While there is still a long way to go before any formal decision making takes place, we need every member of the Coffs Coast community to support us by writing and making your support known to Council, MPs and Chambers of Commerce.

This is a wonderful opportunity to have this lighthouse museum located in Coffs Harbour, as the Council now has officially taken possession of the former First Order Chance Brothers Lens from South Solitary, and two other significant lighthouse lenses from AMSA. Two more are on offer which would make Coffs Harbour the only place in Australia and one of very few in the world that would be able to display all five orders (sizes) of Lighthouse lens.

We need to keep the discussion on going and reminding those that make the decisions that



this is a chance that other places will take up should we fail to commit to it being located at Coffs Harbour. We are part of the wider community of lighthouse friends and groups across the world. You can join Lighthouses of Australia Inc by going to the Facebook Lighthouses of Australia Inc, subscribe to the quarterly magazine Prism.



There are three lighthouse lenses currently in storage at the Coffs Harbour City Council facility, including the heritage listed first order Chance Brothers lens, from South Solitary Island Lighthouse,

estimated value at around \$5million.

Membership Renewals

Our membership renewals fall due on January 1st each year and to date many members have not yet renewed.

Likewise, if you are not a financial member, or know someone who would like to become a member, application forms are available on request from our email – fossil2450@hotmail.com

For FOSSIL to keep operating, we need members to pay renewals of \$15 per annum, as soon as possible please.

If you have paid, then please disregard, but if you have overlooked renewing please make payment by bank transfer to:

BSB: 032-585

Account Number: 231408

Account name: Friends Sth Solitary Is Lighthouse

Notation: your full name

Our own Facebook page, “Friends of South Solitary Island Lighthouse” is our members’ page, so please feel free to submit your photos, news and information to keep the group active.

Members enjoyed a five day stay on South Solitary Island as part of a working bee in April and you too could have an opportunity joining a working bee in August.

Submit your expressions of interest to FOSSIL by email: fossil2450@hotmail.com setting out your details and skills that you can offer us to keep the light burning on South Solitary Island.



FOSSIL members enjoy after hours with hearty meals and comradeship on South Solitary Island



Fossil members devotion to our lighthouse with a five-day working bee on South Solitary Island Lighthouse



Photos courtesy of Anne Simpson, FOSSIL member