

The Friends Of South Solitary Island Newsletter

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Welcome friends to another FOSSIL newsletter.

The past month has seen us involved in a number of initiatives to bring our group wider community recognition and support.

Last week, some of you attended the movie premiere at the Sawtell Cinema of *The Light Between Oceans*. Overall the comments I have heard are all positive and the story quite emotional.

A few people have asked where was the lighthouse in the film located. I can tell you that it is the Cape Campbell Lighthouse on the northeast tip of New Zealand's South Island. Many of the town scenes were filmed at Stanley Tasmania.

While we had to compete with another big even in Coffs, The Club Coffs "A Night With Ex INXS star, Kirk Pengilly" (cont.)

we were able to raise a few dollars for the CANDO Cancer Support Trust. At this stage we do not have the final figure or numbers to hand.

The event allowed us to promote our group through local media, with Rob speaking on air to “Moffy” at 2CS FM about our group and our future plans.

Rob also was invited to speak at a recent meeting of Coffs Harbour Rotary Club at a special evening held at the Coffs Harbour Regional Museum where Rotary members were in great support for our cause and work towards restoration of the cottages on South Solitary Island, plus the establishment of the Australian National Lighthouse Museum at Coffs Harbour Jetty.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Meetings have been held with the staff of the Coffs Harbour City Council regarding our input to the Jetty4Shores planning and lighthouse items currently being added to the Coffs Harbour Regional Museum’s collection.

As a result of these talks, we have been invited to submit names of our members who would be interested in learning to clean the prisms of the First Order Fresnel Lens and lighthouse equipment currently housed in the former museum building. A small voluntary group would be formed from our members to undertake the training and work on a regular basis.

Members have also been invited to join the ranks of the museum volunteers to undertake some training and service at the museum on a rostered basis.

If you are interested in these roles, please email Rob with your contact details and they will be passed to the Museum staff that will in turn contact you.

Email: latitude30south@gmail.com or phone 0457957685

MARKETING

We are looking at fund raising through some marketing of items carrying our logo. Among possibilities suggested have been caps, badges, T-Shirts and stubby holders. If any member would like to make a suggestion (cont.)

where we could have these items produced or other ways we could raise funds, we would love to hear from you.

Finally, with December 1st fast approaching, don't forget to pay your membership fee to be in the draw for a copy of the book *Lighthouses Of Australia* by John Ibbotson. Members who have paid already, I thank you and you are now in the draw. Only those fees that reach us in the mail or into our bank account by 1st December will be eligible. Our annual membership fee is \$15, payable on 1st December

Bank details: BSB number: 032585 Account Number 231408

Make your deposit notation your Full Name.

We hope to hold a Christmas party, & informal get together in December and if anyone has a venue or suggestions, please let us know. An idea is a barbeque and a few drinks for our members to get to know each other and hear of our future plans is your opportunity to meet your committee and each other.

