



Bulletin 45 of 8th of June 2023

John Clarke on the 161st Anniversary of Fingal Lighthouse



Tonight we enjoyed a meeting away from the Bowling Club and were joined by members of Salamander Bay RC for an entertaining talk on the history of the Outer Lighthouse and Fingal Bay. We enjoyed some pizza and salad at the Fingal Cellars. We now know where the locals go in Fingal to hang out.

The meeting tonight was presented with the help of Tomaree Museum Association. Both John and Doug Cross who helped with the presentation, are members of the group. The banners, projector and slides we viewed were through the Museum Association. It does seem unusual that an area such as Pt Stephens with a rich history does not have a permanent home to store and display items from the past. The Tomaree Museum Association is doing its best to change this situation. They have begun a collection, and will display some of it through pop-up exhibitions around the Bay. You can join the group or follow their activities through these contacts.



John had written books on various historical themes including The Oystermen, The Broughton Islands, and Commercial Fishing in the Bay when the opportunity came to cover the Outer Lighthouse. He realised it was not likely to be covered by others and took this on as a project. The photo from 1893 showing the lighthouse keeper's family playing cricket near the lighthouse was found in a box under the bed of an elderly member of the community who wondered if it might be of interest. The tragic loss of the Lighthouse keepers residence occurred in 1991 due to fire, when there had been no management of the property by authorities. The site sadly will never be restored. The residence constructed of sandstone blocks from the Hawkesbury and cedar beams was a magnificent historical building which never varied in temperature by more than a few degrees. There were a couple of clues given as to where to fish around the island, but sadly if you missed the talk we can't give away any secrets.

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Details for week following our next weeks meeting

Birthdays

Henk Tobbe on the 10th

Anniversaries

None this week.

Next meeting

Club Assembly News from Board and Planning for 2023-2024.
Directors to forward reports.

Door: Lesley
Grace: John Cropley
Toast: Geoff Robinson

Bulletin: Don Whatham

Other Dates:

17 June: BBQ at CWA Fete.
Clives Cooker to be used.
2 extra volunteers are needed.
Preparing Egg and Bacon Rolls & Sausage sandwiches. From 8.30 am

22nd June: Heather Noonan will speak on Forgotten Fingal at NBBC.

Club Changeover

This night will be held on Thursday 29th of June at Landmark Resort Restaurant.

31 August: Science Discovery Day at Tomaree HS

Hospital Garden report

Since last weeks report, we have had a site check by Hunter Health which went well.

Warwick spent another day completing the final seat last weekend.

On Monday morning, Warwick, Geoff Diemar and Chris were on site early to commence construction on the raised garden beds. A lot of pre installation work was carried out by Geoff to ensure an easier installation process. Warwick and Geoff completed the majority of the work in the morning before returning in the afternoon to install the timber sides for the raised garden beds.

On Tuesday morning, the guttering was professionally installed on covered pergola to complete this excellent construction. Chris performed a site cleanup, an easy task as the tradies have removed most of the excess rubbish. The tradesmen who have worked on the site have been terrific and a special thank you to the project managers who organised them.

Work on the filling the garden beds spreading more soil , installing the watering system, water features and other tasks will commence in earnest during the next few weeks. Some feedback from Hunter Health indicates plenty of excitement and enthusiasm as the project is starting to take shape.

There will be opportunities for all members to participate in the next stage of the project.



Photos from work this week at the Tomaree Hospital Reflective Garden. Information and Photos were supplied by Chris Bartlett.



Bunnings BBQs

The Bunnings BBQ which we attended on Saturday the 3rd of June was another successful day. The club was able to make more than \$1000 which is continuing to be a great source of revenue for our club.

In the next 6 months

The club has been allocated the first Saturday of every month from July to December.

Don will organise a roster, which works best, but this is able to be changed by individual members if dates don't suit by them arranging a replacement.



Changeover Dinner

Date: Thursday 29th of June

Where: Landmark restaurant.

Time: 6.00 for 6.30 as normal

Cost: \$45 a head

Please make payment to the club account with name, number of persons attending and item for which you are paying.

We have the opportunity to select our meal choices prior to the night so please make sure you do advise Lesley when you have made payment.

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Area Governor Laurie Easter made a special effort to attend our meeting tonight coming all the way from Old Bar. Shown here with President Don, Director Ella and Speaker John Clarke.

