

Christine Behind the Badge

Plan

Early life

late life

now life

Passion for the arts

What is this????



I am a lighthouse keeper's daughter

- Gabo Island
 - Wilson Promontory
 - Cape Everard
 - Cape Otway
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- Remember:
 - Built to stop shipwrecks on a treacherous coast
 - Very rough seas and high winds





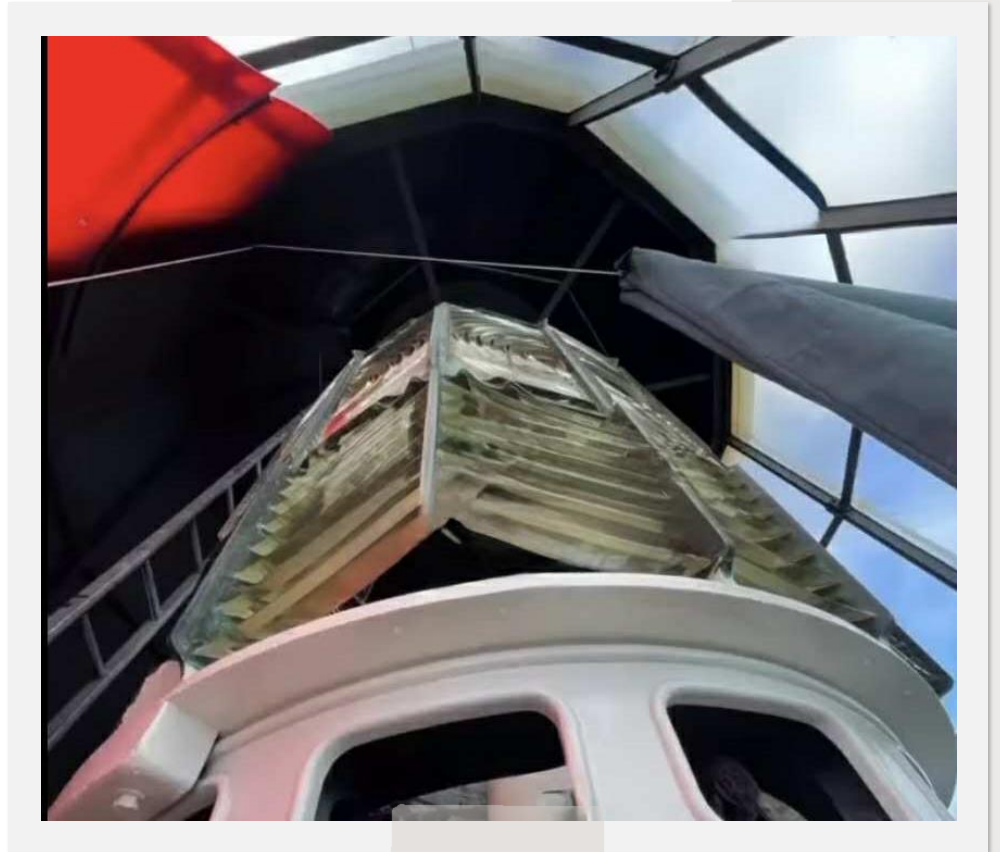
But: Lighthouses Where are they?



Gabo Island: 1955 - 1962

Engineering of the rotating light

- The huge glass lens needed to spin continuously; floated in a circular trough of mercury.
- **Why Mercury:**
 - High density,
 - Non-wetting to metals
 - Self-leveling:
 - No lubrication required:
 - highly toxic.
- the light used **kerosene and vapour burners** — highly flammable stuff.



•Construction

- Gabo Island Lighthouse was designed by Alexander Dawson
- Stevenson family of Scotland —
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- The black sheep of the family was Robert Louis Stevenson who wrote Treasure Island.
- The entire lighthouse (completed 1862) was constructed from pink granite quarried right on the island; — one of the reasons it's so distinctive. Plus the stone is hard.

What was it like to live on Gabo?

- How did you get there?
- Food:
- Communication
- Medical
- Transport







Highlights

- Freedom!!!
- Fishing; sharks and whales
- Father Christmas on the back of the trawler once
- Marlene using a scarf to wave to a line that was passing on the horizon....
- Sydney to Hobart yacht race; after party; fresh crays

Wilson Promontory : 1961 - 1967



Wilson Promontory : 1961 - 1967

- It's one of the oldest lighthouses in Victoria
- It marks the southernmost point of mainland Australia
- The Prom is notorious for gales, lightning, and rough seas.

- No livestock there ... no chickens etc
- Stunningly beautiful
- Extreme winds
- Very rough seas

- Ran out of water

- LOTS of snakes



Stunningly
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Cape Everard: 1964 - 1967

- On the 90 mile beach; could drive to Cann River
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
- Sir Francis Chichester's famous solo circumnavigation of the globe in 1966–1967, aboard his yacht, the Gipsy Moth IV.
- We reported to the ABC radio we had spotted him. Turned out it was a very big freight ship!!!

Everard (now Point Hicks)



MV Cape Pillar Department Of Shipping And Transport



Cape Otway: 1967

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- Hight of civilisation!!!!
 - Bus to school; 45 minutes.
 - From a convent to Apollo Bay Consolidation School... what a SHOCK; girls with short skirts; boys!!!! With surfie hair!!!!
 - I loved this school



- oldest surviving lighthouse on mainland Australia.
- Built in 1848
- 1905: An incandescent kerosene mantle— increasing the brightness to 100,000 candles.
- 1939: diesel generator, increasing the brightness to 1 million candles.
- 1962: electricity.

Fun Fact

- Do you want to sleep in our childhood bedrooms????



SCHOOLING:

- Home schooling
- Notre Dame de Sion (Our Lady of Sion)
- Apollo Bay Consolidation School

CAREER:

- I will not dwell on this; we are all heroes in our own career and minds!!!
- briefly..... Work ... then ... study then work as a psychologist.
- Neuropsychologist for 4 years; then Organisational Psychology; Academic for over 35 years
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
- Visiting Professor for 12 months at Washington State University.
- Regular work in Paris, Bordeaux and Vienna
- Norwegian Business School

Rotary Career

- Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast for 25 years; Held every directorship plus president
- Mermaid Beach Rotary Club; 5 years

PASSIONS, WHAT MAKES ME FEEL “ALIVE”:

- The Arts:
- **PASSION HIGHLIGHTS:**
- Meeting Shamus Heaney on a number of occasions
- Being invited to the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra concert in Vienna (Sir Simon Rattle)
- Vienna Balls on a number of occasions
- Opera in Vienna
- Favorite music: Moldau by Smetana
- HOTA

What do I mean by the arts???

- Sitting in the chapel at convent; music, ritual, chanting in Latin; blokes dressed in beautiful embroidered things...
 - anything that tells a story or stirs emotion.
 - opera, ballet, theatre, and symphonies,
 - Music, painting, and literature all feed my imagination and make me see the world in brighter colours.
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- The arts are not just something I enjoy — they're what keep life exciting, beautiful, and full of heart.
 - Its also about divided opinion

- Any Questions????