



Norah Head Lighthouse Land Manager Board
P.O. Box 4 Toukley, NSW 2263 Australia

June 2020 Newsletter

Covid 19 Virus and the Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve

Please be aware that the situation is constantly under review and our Web Site and Facebook Page will try and keep you up to date on the lifting of restrictions.

<https://norahheadlighthouse.com.au/>

<https://www.facebook.com/NorahHeadLighthouse/>

ACCOMMODATION

Our Reserve manager is now taking new bookings for Accommodation. If you are looking for a getaway after ISO, we have the perfect location for you with a special limited offer:

Stay 3 nights and pay for 2!!!

Please call our Reserve Manager, Tracy Stubbings on 0452 564 102.



Property Description

If you ever wondered about the life of a lighthouse keeper here is your chance to take a step back in time and experience the maritime history of our nation. Lighthouse Keepers Quarters are within walking distance to a patrolled beach and rock pools. There are three bedrooms and sweeping verandahs; sea views from every window, a fully self-contained kitchen, laundry, lounge room, beautifully furnished. The Head Keepers Quarters also boasts a separate dining room.

VACANCY

There are some vacancies available in July and August 2020 but these are filling fast. Visit our web site for details or call our Reserve Manager, Tracy Stubbings on 0452 564 102.

WEDDINGS

With stunning views across the Pacific Ocean, Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve is a unique and beautiful Wedding location that reflects the joy and excitement of your day. Offering a backdrop of unparalleled natural beauty where you can say your vows in the presence of family and friends, and create treasured memories, the Reserve offers a complete package and can be hired for your ceremony, reception and accommodation all in the one location.

Wedding Open Day

A Wedding Open Day on is planned for **Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th July.**

The Wedding Open Day is for all potential bride and grooms that have a booking or wanting to book the grounds. The accommodation quarters will be on show. There will be a few suppliers here. A Norah Head Lighthouse volunteer will be available to show the Lighthouse.

Potential bride and grooms would need to book an appointment on that weekend and follow social distancing rules. Call our Reserve Manager, Tracy Stubbings on 0452 564 102



Morning coffee on Head Lighthouse Keeper Quarter's verandah

LIGHTHOUSE TOWER TOURS TO REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve Land Manager Board together with Tour Guide Leader Ken Greenwald has spent many hours exploring ways to open the tower and recommence tours to visitors. The tower is classified as a museum and Covid19 restrictions for museums apply. It was decided that it was in everyone's best interests for the tower to remain closed for the time being.



For the Board the wellbeing of our Tour Guides and visitors is paramount. Most of our volunteers (if not all) are in the high risk age grouping regarding the impact of being infected with the Covid19 virus.

The stairs to the top of the tower are narrow for start with and 96 steps later they are quite tight. It was considered that monitoring social distancing was too great and the current museum rule that states that the capacity must not exceed one person per 4 square metres makes having people on the gallery level problematical.

The Board will monitor the social distancing requirements regularly and hopefully these will be relaxed in the not too distant future to enable us to open up the Lighthouse Tower to let the public again enjoy the wonderful views and help the Board again generate income that it puts to the maintenance of the Reserve.



WHALE WATCHING

Now is the best time to go Whale Watching!

Norah Head Lighthouse is beautiful to visit in any season. There is designated parking with a pathway to the Lighthouse. There are ample spots to sit and scan for the passing whales. The whale migration along the NSW coastline runs from May until November. The whale population of the southern hemisphere spends the summer months feeding in Antarctica. Towards the end of the Autumn months, they begin their migration north to the warmer waters of the Pacific to breed and calve.

Picnics are now allowed, so now is a perfect time for a visit to the Reserve and keep a look out for the passing parade of whales. We urge the community to continue to practise social distancing which includes maintaining a distance of 1.5 metres from others at all times and reminding you that public gatherings must not exceed 10 people.



Unfortunately, the Annual Whale Dreamers Festival has had to be cancelled this year.

A Note from Mark Sheriff

Subject: Norah social distance

There was none once upon a time
The keeper is called jock
And was some what of a keeper of Norah light and many more
A great artist he was
His wife Julia was the lady keeper who would say to her jock (quote)
"Now you go outside and do the lighthouse work and I'll do the heavy house work"
Norah's a great light
Lucky bunch of folks you are



Thomas "Jock" Crooks

Thomas Jock Crooks was Head Lighthouse keeper at Norah from 1969 to 1982.

If you want to read more about "Life Under the Light - New South Wales Lighthouse Families of New South Wales" here is a [LINK](#)