



Norah Head Lighthouse Land Manager Board
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November 2020 Newsletter

Covid 19 Virus and the Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve

The Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve Land Manager Board encourages everyone to come and enjoy watching whales while being mindful in practicing the 1.5m social distancing. 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/>

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LIGHTHOUSE TOWER TOURS TO REMAINS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

ACCOMMODATION & WEDDINGS AVAILABLE

Visit our web site for details or call our Site Manager, Tracy Stubbings on 0452 564 102.

AERIAL PHOTO OF THE RESERVE



The Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve includes Lighthouse Beach in the north, the Rock Shelf in the east as well as Mariners Cove Beach and Pebbly Beach to the south.

\$200,000 revamp for Norah Head Lighthouse

The State Heritage-listed Norah Head Lighthouse reserve will undergo an upgrade with \$200,000 in NSW Government COVID-19 stimulus funding.

- Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast and Member for Terrigal Adam Crouch said the funding would boost the functionality and appeal of one of the Central Coast's heritage and tourism icons.
- This COVID-19 stimulus funding will allow for construction of a new Workshop for the reserve's volunteers, to be located adjacent to the former Stables Building.
- "The \$200,000 in funding will also allow for upgrades to access roads on the reserve, which are in need of maintenance and help to prevent coastal erosion near the Lighthouse itself." Minister for Water, Property and Housing Melinda Pavey said the COVID-19 stimulus program was upgrading important community infrastructure while supporting jobs and local economies.
- "The reserve is a popular visit spot for Central Coast residents and tourists and a location of both heritage and environmental significance, so this funding is an important investment in its future," Mrs Pavey said.



Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast and Member for Terrigal Adam Crouch presenting \$200,000.00 cheque to Board Member Ian McNaught and Board Chair, Neil Rose.

Congratulations to the Reserve's Site Manager Tracy Stubbings

The Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve Land Manager Board congratulates Tracy on becoming a Finalist for the award of Outstanding Business Person of the Year in Central Coast Local Business awards.



The Board considers Tracy does an outstanding job in managing the Reserve on a day to day basis and has just reached agreement with Tracy for her to manage the Reserve for a further three years.

Not only has Tracy achieved Finalist Status as Outstanding Business Person of the Year, her efforts on the Board's behalf, have resulted in Norah Head Lighthouse also becoming a Finalist as an Outstanding Specialised Business.

Well done Tracy.

Lighthouse Keepers Quarters Accommodation



The closure of overseas and interstate travel has seen a large increase in the number of reservations for holidaying at Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve. This year is almost fully booked, and 2021 dates are filling fast. Fortunately, Tracy has been able to hire additional help to ensure that the four star accommodation rating is maintained.

Congratulations to Neil Rose



**Individual Excellence
in Crown Land
Management Award
Finalist**

**Neil Rose,
Norah Head**



Neil will tell you that his becoming a Finalist - Individual Excellence Management Award is just a recognition of the hard work that all the volunteers do to ensure the Reserve is the best it can be. The truth is that it is Neil's leadership, knowledge and experience that he brings to his position as Chair of the Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve Land Manager Board that has seen the Reserve continue to thrive.

Rear Access Road Repairs



Recent heavy rains and construction activities have resulted in a complete failure of the pavement along the rear access road.

NSW Office and Environment and Heritage has approved the construction of a new asphaltic concrete surface.

One of the first WH&S issues to be addressed by the Board with the NSW Government COVID-19 stimulus funding will be the reconstruction of the roadway in February 2021

Stables Shop



The Covid19 pandemic forced the Board to suspend tours of the Lighthouse Tower since the 18th March 2020. Our Volunteer Tour Guides could not maintain the recommended 'Social Distancing' from people visiting the tower. The Tower is classified as a museum. It was not possible to meet the one person per four square meter rule in the Tower.

The tours, as well as the souvenirs and drinks that were sold in the Tower's Report room had until then provided the Board with a good steady source of income. The loss of this income came as a severe blow to the Board's ability to maintain the Reserve.

The Board held a special "Brain Storming" meeting on Wednesday 12th August 2020 at Sporties Club, Norah Head, to explore how the Board could find other ways to raise money to make up for the loss of the Tower Tours income. One of the suggestions was we could set up a stall manned by the Volunteer Tour Guides to continue selling drinks and souvenirs while maintaining social distancing.

It was decided that the Stables Carriage room, that is used to garage the large ride on mower, would provide suitable venue that would not impact the heritage value of the stables. The Stable Shop opened with success on Sunday 27th September, 2020.

Souvenirs are selling well as predicted right across the board. It is pleasing to see the models of the lighthouses being sold on nearly every day we have opened. Tea towels are also selling well and we have just received a new order of all colours that we sell so this is satisfying. Blue appears to be the favourite tea towel colour. The ginger bread cookies are also selling well.

The Volunteers appear to be enjoying the shop, the rosters are issued for two persons setting up to open at 11am and another crew on duty about 1pm or 1.30 pm to carry on to 4pm on Saturdays and 3pm on the other days. Hygiene is being taken very seriously for both our volunteers and customers.

The Board is very grateful and thanks our Tour Guides for taking on this task that is now an important income stream.