

Presidents Report 2011

In December 2010 several members of LoA participated in a Trip to Deal Island. It was such a success that a repeat of the trip is planned for March 2012.

In November we decided it was necessary to upgrade the Website which led to a meeting on 13th of February aboard MV Cape Don. Five LoA committee members (Ian Clifford, Phil Walsh, Graeme Davis, Alan Johnson and Denise Shultz) discussed the options with Steven Peacock of Peacock Digital. Agreement was reached to accept Steven's offer to revamp and modernise the website and the process is now gradually taking place.

Graeme Davis finalised a design of a LoA badge which will eventually be part of LoA merchandise, together with the clothing. At the same time Graeme continued scanning a vast collection of AMSA archive records.

In March the hot topic was downgrading of the Eddystone point lighthouse from 26 to 20nm because of multiple deaths of short tailed shearwaters who hit the lantern room attracted by its bright light. AMSA put on trial a much less powerful light which was installed on the balcony. We communicated with AMSA and ALCT who are leasing the lighthouse before and after the event and agreed to continue to strive to prevent this arrangement from becoming permanent by suggesting other suitable options. We have cultivated a good relationship with ALCT who invited us to stay at Eddystone/ Larapuna. Three LoA committee members visited and stayed at Eddystone on 27th September. In return, a visit by ALCT representatives to Victoria to see successful businesses like Cape Schanck and Cape Otway is planned for later this year.

Jenny Carr continued diligently to look after countless e-mails and enquiries sent via LoA post, making sure they got to the person who could best answer them and our state representatives as well as other committee members tried their best to do so.

LoA member Maurice Hayler created another lighthouse model, commissioned by AMSA for Cape Wickham 150th anniversary. Lyndon O'Grady generously donated 250 of them to LoA and they were sent to all current members with the last issue of Prism. Lyndon and AMSA also donated a glossy booklet for the upcoming anniversary which was also sent to LoA members.

Thanks to LoA member Doug Boleyn successful submission to Engineers Australia, Green Cape lighthouse is now recognised as a National Engineering Heritage landmark. The ceremony and plaque unveiling was held on 19th February.

In May, Paul Sofilas oversaw the completion of the third and final stage of Cape Leeuwin lighthouse restoration, a project on which AMSA spent over \$185 000.

ILLW took place on August 20/21 and Cape Leeuwin, Cape Naturaliste, Cape Otway and Sugarloaf Point were just a few examples of many lighthouses where special events took place. As usual, Ian Clifford made sure that Wollongong Breakwater and Point Perpendicular lighthouses were lit for the weekend. For the rest of the year, Ian works on a committee to restore Crookhaven lighthouse.