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## Lord Howe Island Historical Society

Newsletter spring 2013



The veranda extension is now complete. We are extremely fortunate to have had a good band of volunteers committed to this project. Committee member George Warner has been working closely with builder Ken Lipscombe; painter Brian Leslie has finished the walls and decking, Margaret Murray has designed and painted murals for each end wall. A formal launch will be at the end of November when Ken Lipscombe is on the Island.

The new Norfolk Island pine table tops were obtained from local woodworker Michael Nobbs, and new chairs have been purchased. The total cost of the project is approximately \$85,000 and we are seeking to offset this cost with sponsorship of the new tables (\$500) and chairs (\$200).

If you wish to sponsor a chair at the Museum, please confirm with us by sending the name you would like on the chair (maximum letters 30), and a cheque or deposit into the Museum bank account:

Lord Howe Island Historical Society and Museum Inc. BSB 062 001 Account No: 00928037

NB all donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be issued.

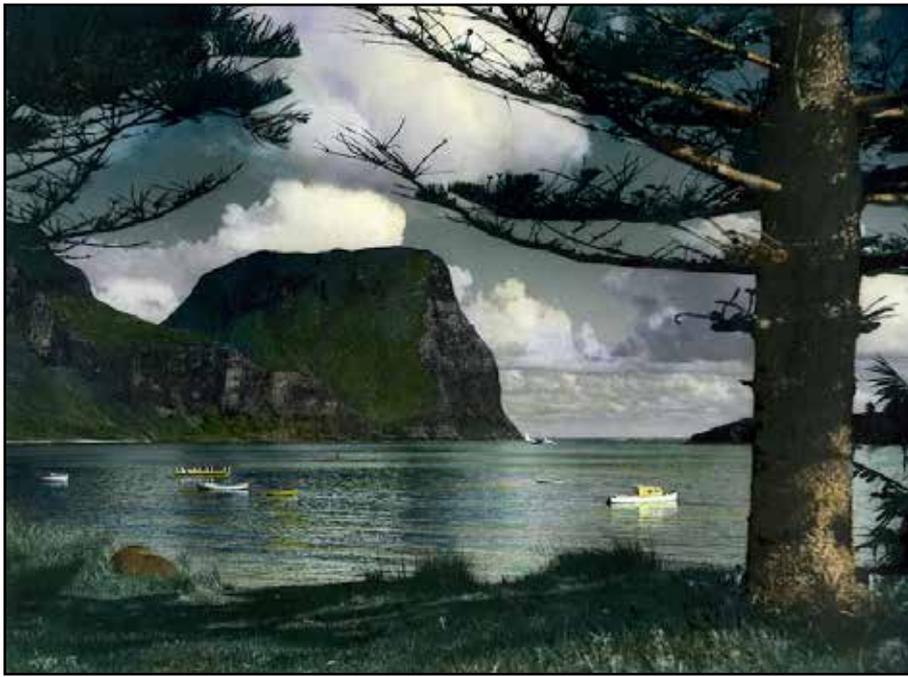
The tables will each have a different Island Place Name plus map and sponsor's name. If you wish to sponsor a table, contact President Robyn Warner (phone 6563 2404) or Curator Ian Hutton (phone 6563 2111 or email: [curator@lhimuseum.com](mailto:curator@lhimuseum.com)). See the back page for a list of Place Names available.



Well known tradesman Brian Leslie mixing paints .



Local artist Margaret Murray working on the murals.

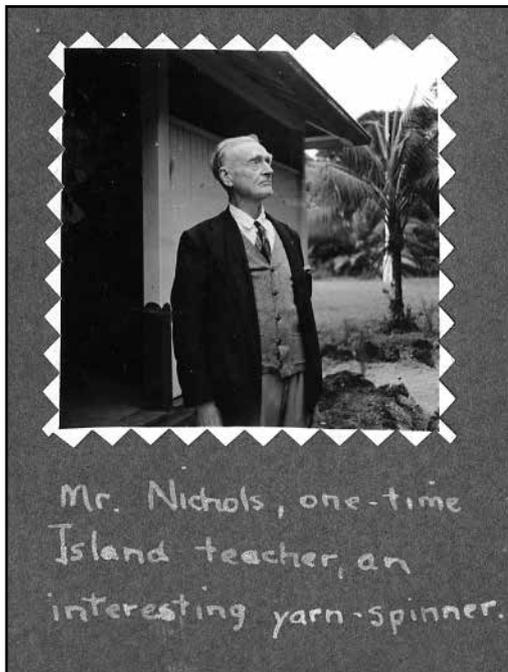


*Photo album donated*

In August, Rod Cleary from Canberra was visiting the Island, and he brought with him a photo album that was assembled by Wendy Russell while she was on the Island as school teacher in 1953.

The album contains some wonderful black & white and colour photos of the Island, the schoolchildren, tourists and residents. There are quite a lot of captions and notes in the album which add greatly to its value as an archive document for the community. This album is being scanned and added to the growing photographic archive held at the museum.

*There are several large hand coloured black and white photos in the album, such as this one taken from Under the Pines at the Lagoon.*



*Max Nichols was a teacher on the island, who later retired here and also published a book on the early history of the Island.*



*The senior school students choir in 1953.*



*Max Shick with his working bullock Sonny Boy and sledge carting a barrel of water.*

### *Phasmids at the Museum*

The Museum is soon to house a display of the Lord Howe Island stick insect, known as the Phasmid.

This 10 cm long insect used to be very common living in the rainforest of Lord Howe Island. When rats arrived in 1918 the phasmid numbers quickly declined, as they are nocturnal and hence easy prey for the rats that are also nocturnal. By the 1930's the phasmids were thought to be extinct due to rat predation.

In December 1964 the first climbing party to attempt to climb Ball's Pyramid (led by David Roots, and with a young Dick Smith in the party). David was a keen photographer, and photographed a strange dead stick insect. This turned out to be the Lord Howe Island phasmid. Although it was dead specimen, it raised hopes that a population of phasmids could be surviving on the Pyramid. In 2001 an official party from National Parks visited and found two live individuals, and on a subsequent visit the following year found 24 live phasmids. Melbourne Zoo was selected to take charge of a captive breeding project to try and raise the phasmids in captivity. Due to the dedication of staff Patrick Honan and Rohan Cleave, there are currently around 600 phasmids being held at the Melbourne Zoo.



*Rohan Cleave, Melbourne Zoo insect breeder giving a lecture at the Lord Howe Island Museum in September.*

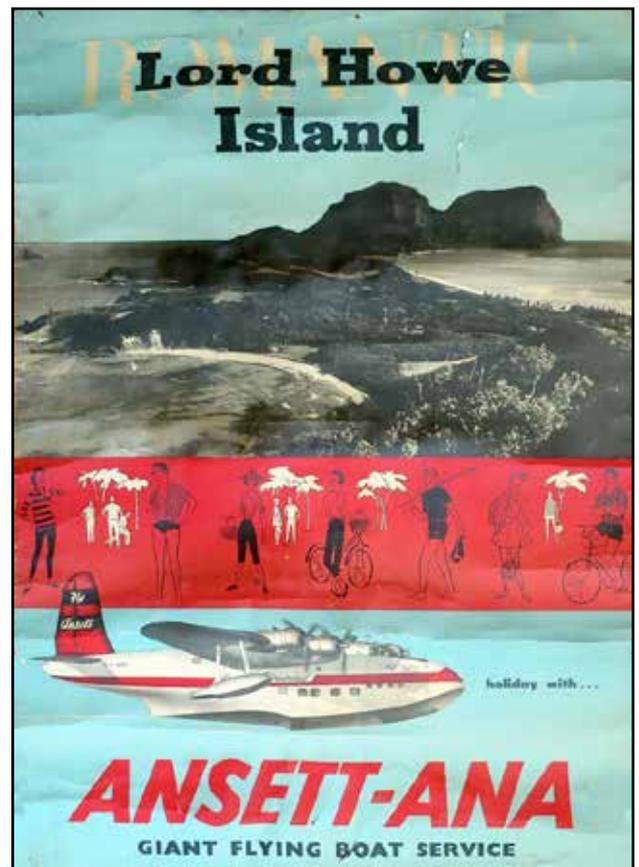
### *Flying Boat travel poster donated.*

In August, resident Dick Hoffman was cleaning out his office, and came across a vintage tourist poster promoting Lord Howe Island and the Flying boats.

The poster has some damage and advice on the best way to preserve this is to frame the poster. This way it can also be used in the display galleries. If anyone is interested in sponsoring the framing of this poster please contact President Robyn Warner or Curator Ian Hutton



*The phasmid is a very likeable insect, and people are intrigued by the story of the animal that was "rediscovered"*





***Children from the Lord Howe Island Central School have placed their latest environmental school project on display at the museum.***

The museum has also been the regular meeting place for some of Lord Howe Island's youngest residents. Each Friday morning a group of pre-school children visit for a Story Time Session. Various members of the community come down and read stories to the children- so far Karen Giles, Annie Kennedy, Veronica Douglass, Jill Hisco and Tokasa Thompson have taken part.



***John MacLulich assists with graphic design***

Our honorary graphic designer John MacLulich, owner of Sydney company *Colours Digital*, was recently on the Island, to complete the graphic design of the new environmental displays. It is very exciting to have these completed, and we now await production and delivery of the large display photo panels.

These new displays will be explaining the Island's geological history, the plant and animal colonisation stories and evolutionary processes that operate on islands.



***Friends of Lord Howe Island President Chris Murray thanks the August weeding trip members at the Museum.***

The Friends of Lord Howe Island group runs three to five special weeding ecotours each year and contribute to the LHI Board's weed eradication programs. Since inception in 1995 there have been 74 weeding ecotours and over 24,000 volunteer hours contributed to fighting the weeds on the Island. Each trip the Lord Howe Island Board arrange a special thankyou for the tour members, and the museum is a fitting venue.



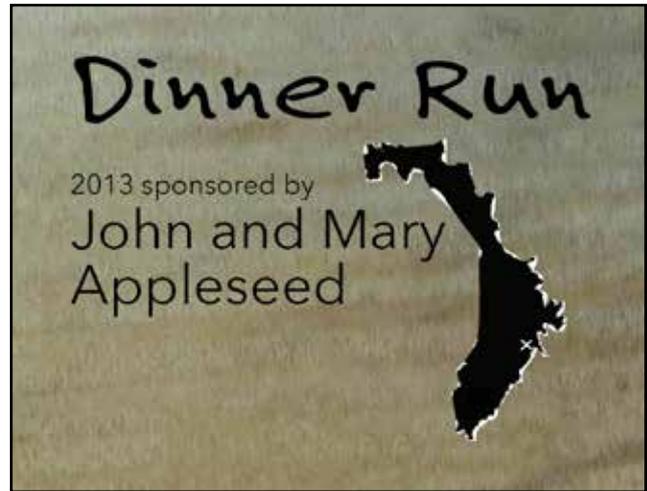
***CLG Rodent Eradication workshops***

The Community Liaison Group for the proposed Rodent Eradication held two workshop days at the museum in August. Specialists were in attendance to answer community questions with their first hand experience. These included Dr Jamie Doube, who was the doctor on Macquarie Island when the rodent and rabbit eradication took place there in 2011; also toxicologist Penny Fisher and the LHI Rodent Eradication Officer Pete McLelland, as well as local members of the CLG.

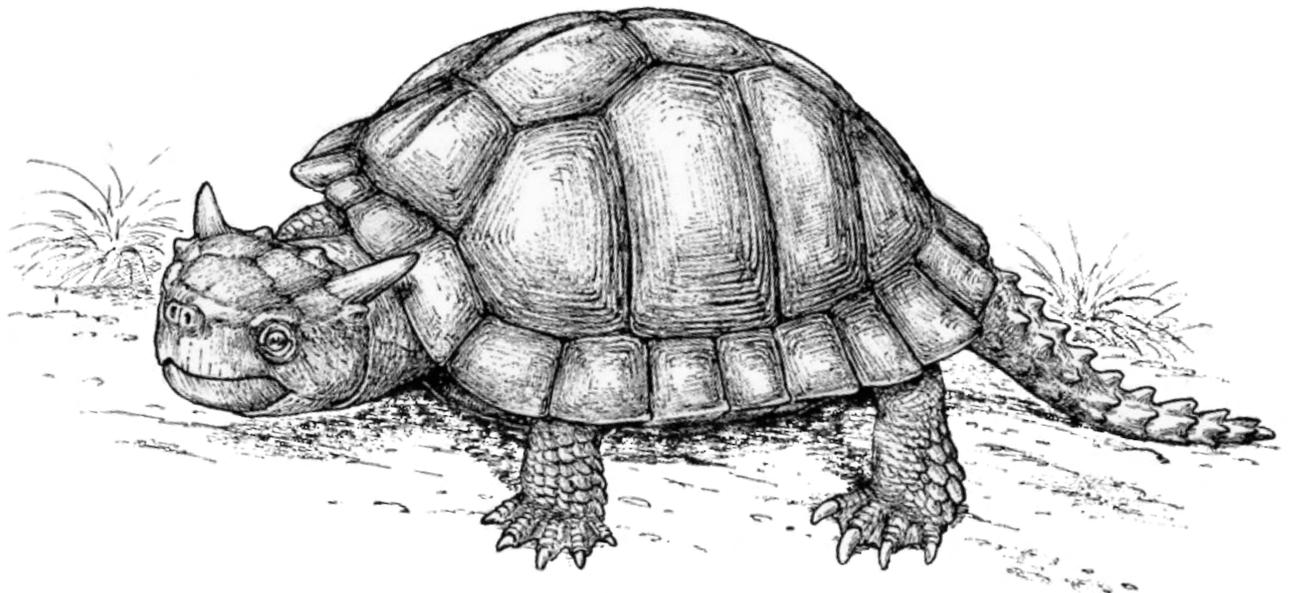
About 60 people attended over the two days that the workshops were held.

AVAILABLE NAMES FOR TABLE SPONSORSHIPS

Dinner Run  
Rocky Run  
Kim's Lookout      TAKEN  
Smoking Tree Ridge      TAKEN  
Mount Gower      TAKEN  
Mount Lidgbird  
Little Island  
North Bay  
Old Settlement  
Blinky Beach  
Boat Harbour  
Lover's Bay  
Curio Point  
Banyan Garden  
Eddies Cave  
Fern Patch Run  
Morepork Garden  
World's End  
Pebbly Beach  
Soldiers Creek  
Erskine Valley      TAKEN  
Mt Armstrong (Intermediate Hill)      TAKEN



Sample Place Name, map and sponsor



The Lord Howe Island Museum mascot - the Horned turtle