

Maritime Museum of Tasmania Lunch Time Talk May 2011

'The most northern residence in Tasmania: life at Deal Island Lightstation'



Presented by Dallas Baker, volunteer for Wildcare Inc. Friends of Deal Island.

What does it take to care for the most remote museum in Tasmania? What is life like as a caretaker on Deal Island Lightstation?

Deal Island is part of the Kent Group National Park, approximately 60 kilometres North West of Flinders Island in Bass Strait. The Deal Island lighthouse is the oldest and most complete set of light station buildings in Australia. The residence in question is home to volunteer caretakers who participate in the three month rotational caretaker program managed by the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service. The original Superintendent's house (1848), now probably Tasmania's most remote museum, is slowly being restored.

Shirley and Dallas Baker have spent four three-month terms on the island over the last eight years taking in all seasons. Come and find out why they call it *'Tasmania's best kept secret, paradise on our doorstep.'*

Bring your lunch and join us for this fascinating illustrated talk

Time: 12.00-1.00pm

Date: Tuesday 3 May

Place: The Royal Society Room, Tasmanian Museum & Art Gallery