

# Friends of Kiama Library

## September 2018 Newsletter

PO Box 75, Kiama 2533 Phone 4233 1133

[library@kiama.nsw.gov.au](mailto:library@kiama.nsw.gov.au)

### **CELEBRATION DINNER WITH STEPHANIE ALEXANDER : SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER AT THE SEBEL HARBOURSIDE**



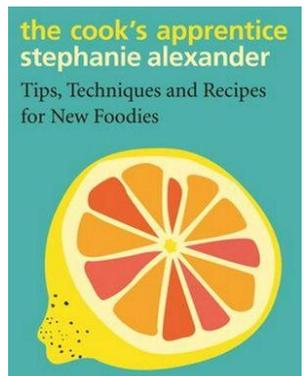
For our next event we welcome the celebrated restaurateur, author and food educator Stephanie Alexander for dinner at the Sebel at 5.30 for 6.00pm start, to launch locally her new book "The Cook's Apprentice". Tickets at \$50 a head providing a main course and a glass of wine will be available from Monday 10 September through Trybooking (link from [library.kiama.nsw.gov.au](http://library.kiama.nsw.gov.au)) or in person at the Library. Menu details are also available at the Library. Numbers for the dinner are limited and early booking is strongly recommended before

the event is more widely publicised.

Stephanie has received multiple honours for her service to the food and wine industry, and as food educator and author. From starting her first restaurant, Jamaican House, in Melbourne at the age of 21, she then ran Stephanie's Restaurant in Fitzroy and Hawthorn for 21 years, going on to publish numerous cook books, including the majestic and popular "Cook's Companion". More recently she is best known for work through her Kitchen Garden Foundation providing a program of vegetable gardening and cooking experience for 8 to 12 year old children now in operation in some 300 schools Australia-wide.

"The Cook's Apprentice" is advertised as an essential teaching cookbook for the younger cook just starting out. Perfect for a Christmas gift for sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters, but also invaluable for every kitchen, with its 56 ingredient chapters and over 300 "achievable" recipes. "The Cook's Apprentice" and also some copies of "The Cook's Companion" will be available for signature and sale.

We will also use this opportunity to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> year as Friends of Kiama Library and will be delighted to see many of our long-time members there. Happy Anniversary FOKL!

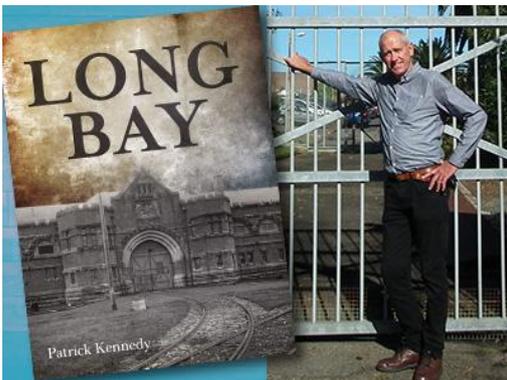


## **BIG BOOK SALE : KIAMA VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTRE THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER FROM 9AM TO 4PM**

Make a note in your diary about our book-sale on Thursday 25 October with a great stock of top-condition quality fiction and non-fiction material at knock-down prices, most of them generous donations through the Library. Sure to be something irresistible for every taste.

These occasional sales provide significant funds to bolster our donations for Library events and services. We look forward to seeing you there! Any offers of book-selling help are also appreciated, so please contact Steve Spooner on 4237 8331 or at [spoonergillian@gmail.com](mailto:spoonergillian@gmail.com) if you are able to offer assistance.

## **PATRICK KENNEDY : “LONG BAY - A PRISON HISTORY” : SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2.30PM IN THE FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE**



Patrick grew up in a staff house next to Long Bay gaol, where hitting a six in a backyard cricket game meant climbing the outer wall. His parents worked there as medical staff. In the State Ambulance Service Patrick was one of the first Intensive Care Paramedics and later ran the media unit. This work took him to crime scenes in and out of the prison. “Long Bay : a Prison History”, published earlier this year, takes the reader behind the scenes of Australia’s hardest prison, telling the stories of inmates, prison officers and inmates. Full of

contemporary and historic photos, it is said to be the first comprehensive history of Long Bay Correctional Centre.

As usual a \$5 donation for members/ \$8 for visitors will be appreciated, and afternoon tea is provided. Should be a very interesting event.

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY : FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER 7.00PM IN THE LIBRARY**

Once again we will be holding our very popular end-of-year celebration along with the Kiama and District Historical Society in the Library on Friday 7 December. There will be the usual unusual entertainments, lots of fun, and plenty of seasonal sustenance. No entry charge, but contributions of festive fare will be very much appreciated. Liquid refreshments on sale. Note the time and place and make sure you have 7 December in big letters in your diary or other technological reminder mechanism.

## **FRIENDS NEWS**

At our AGM in June the following were elected to our Committee for 2018-19:

- President : Vacant
- Vice-President : Florence Rankin
- Treasurer : Rupert Jarvis
- Secretary : Andrea Hope

- **Committee Members : Anne Andersen, Robyn Dorney, Wendy Leatheam, Annette Levering, Graeme Lock Lee, Barry Spooner, Gill Spooner, Steve Spooner.**

**Library Manager Michelle Hudson and Deputy Mayor Kathy Rice also join the Committee.**

**Please feel very welcome to ferret out Committee members at our meetings to say hello, offer suggestions, express concerns!**

**Just a reminder. Some of you may have been holidaying in the south of France and forgotten to renew your FOKL membership, while the rest of us suffer winter. We are always happy to accept renewals for 2018-19 at the Library or at our forthcoming FOKL events (\$7 single/\$5 seniors and pensioners/\$10 couple, cash or cheque please!). If you need to check whether you are up to date, you can ring Steve Spooner on 42378331 or ask at the Library.**

## **FROM THE LIBRARIAN'S DESK ...**

**Congratulations to the Friends of Kiama Library on celebrating 25th years! This is certainly a great achievement and as we welcome a new Committee for 2018-2019 I'm sure we can expect many more fabulous opportunities to celebrate authors and a love of reading. The assistance of the Friends group is a tremendous support to the library and cannot be underestimated.**

**We also welcome the announcement by the State Government to increase the per capita funding for Libraries from \$1.85 to \$2.85 in the 2019-2020 budget. We look forward to working with the Government to secure the pledged funding, clarify the funding components and ensuring an ongoing sustainable funding model is negotiated.**

**Last year Kiama Library services provided 140 programs attended by over 5,000 participants and as demand for programs continues to grow it will be vital to increase funding from the State Government. In the meantime, if you are interested in learning more about the Renew Our Libraries campaign you can subscribe via the links on the Kiama Library website.**

**See you in the Library!**

**Michelle**