



## Devil Island News

**Pinkies.** It can be confirmed that we now have baby devils on the Island. A future vet check will confirm numbers and sex of the baby devils known as 'pinkies'.

**Nature Nic Research Hut.** The founder of 'Black and White day' Nicholas Bonitcha 'Nature Nic' has recently unveiled a plaque dedicating the new research hut to him at Devil Island 1. He raised \$3300 through a day at Australia Zoo and Wildlife Warriors Worldwide donated the money to the DI project for the hut. The Lions clubs of Kingborough and Triabunna combined at a Worker Bee with Bruce Englefield Chairman, Nicholas and Linda Bonitcha and built the hut in a weekend. Proceeds from Nature Nic's Black and White day will be donated to Devil Island Project for the next two years resulting in the potential income of \$30,000 each year.

**Award.** Due to the hard work of Fiona Hoskin Vice Chairwoman in preparing an excellent submission the Devil Island project (DIP) won the Judges Inspiration Award at the Launceston Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence awards. Fiona, Shane Gould Patron and Vice Chairwoman, and Bruce attended a 'gruelling interview' and obviously impressed the judges with the work, passion and achievement of the Devil Island group of volunteers resulting in this most coveted award.

**Mary Lewis Designs.** Glass bead artist Mary Lewis joined the Devil's Army early this year and has been donating a slice of her profits since. Mary also very generously consented to hold two jewellery parties including lamp work demonstrations. One was held in Boat Harbour the other on Launceston. Both parties were extremely successful and raised in total over \$2500.00.

**David Hopkins limited edition prints.** David Hopkins the author, illustrator and artist has produced a stunning water colour of a mother Devil and her Joey's. The original will be auctioned at the Devil of a Dinner but there are 1000 limited edition prints available at \$75 each plus postage and packing. These are being marketed through the Mercury, Examiner and Advocate. See rest of website for details.

**Future Sites** After over a year of necessary but frustrating red tape just the Deed Grant for the government money and leases with landowners to be signed and construction can start on the next DI. This is likely to be the one on the Freycinet Peninsular. DI 3 will be at Bicheno, DI 4 at Bridport, DI 5 at Ross, DI 6 near Hobart, DI 7 & 8 North/North West.

**Membership Fees.** In the coming months some of you will receive a membership renewal invitation. Hard to believe that 12 months has passed already. Fees remain at a low \$20.00 per adult and \$10.00 for children up to the age of 16. Please do consider very seriously remaining a member of the Devil's Army. As we are an entirely voluntary organisation every dollar raised goes directly to helping to save the Tasmanian Devil. As Devil's Army members you are entitled to participate in general meetings. Dates for meetings will be updated through this newsletter.

**Devonport Show.** The Devonport Show on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of November will be here very soon. If you haven't had the chance to meet your fellow Devil Island members here's your chance. Come along meet Bruce and the team and get up close and reasonably personal with a beautiful Tasmanian devil. If you would like to help out on either days please let us know as soon as possible. See you there!

### Dates to Remember

#### 2009

October 30<sup>th</sup> Devil of a dinner Launceston Hotel Grand Chancellor

November 15<sup>th</sup> Don Market

November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Devonport Show

December 6<sup>th</sup> Wynyard Market/ Car Boot Sale

#### 2010

January 19<sup>th</sup> General meeting in Campbell Town at a place and time to be confirmed.

April 4<sup>th</sup> Devil of a Swim Bicheno