



Thank you Mary! We enjoyed our wonderful weekend together at Bungwhal, near Smiths Lake, NSW

Stephen and Chris's partner Carolina in front of the house we shared.



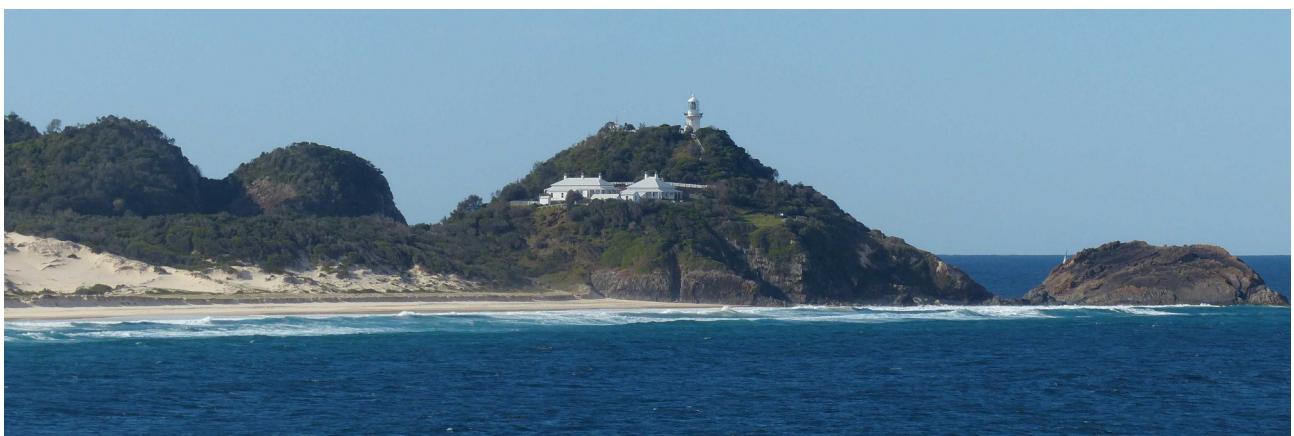
Blue-faced fig bird (notice his eye!)



Yellow robin



Tranquil walks through coastal forest to Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse (1875) at Seal Rocks – beautiful and a great place for whale spotting!



We watched about 50 humpback whales over a few hours (off Sugarloaf Point and nearby Treachery Head), as they migrated north in small groups of 3-4 with their calves. The lack of wind and low swell made it quiet enough that we also heard their songs which was very special!

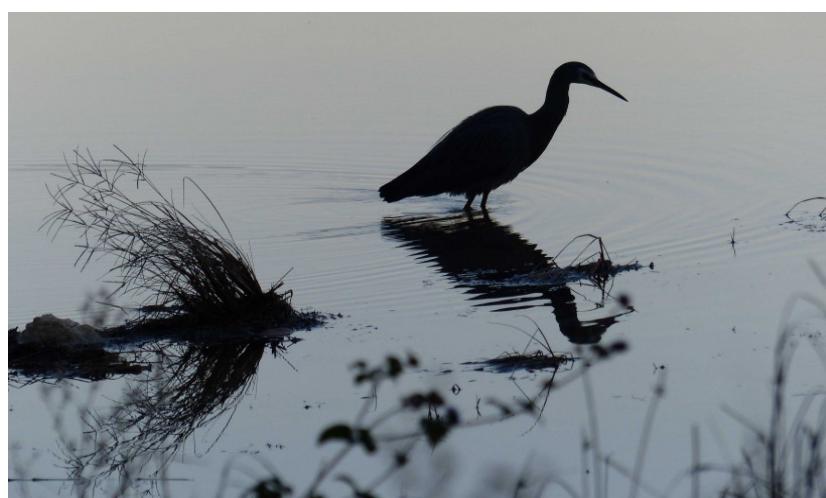
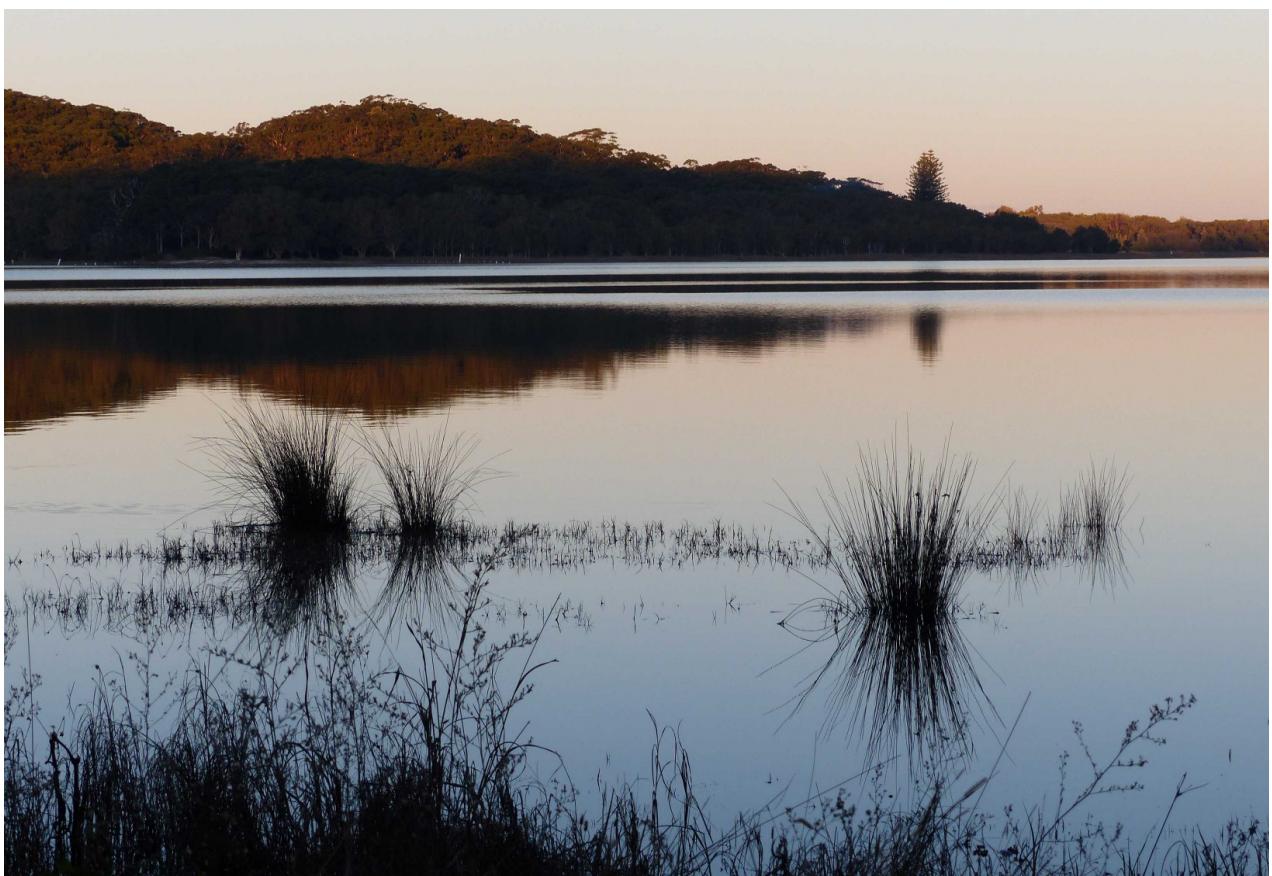


A few weeks later, Stephen and Marie saw Minke whales (we think) doing amazing acrobatics near an offshore rocky island.





View south from Treachery Head and late afternoon reflections at Smiths Lake.





Coastal rain forest and incredibly tall 'flooded gum' trees with stunning white bark. One is labelled as the tallest tree in NSW and is 11.5 m/38 ft around at the base! – It was truly spectacular but impossible to capture in one photo! Right: much smaller and younger trees with Stephen for scale (standing on road to left of the base of trees in blue jacket). ----> Below: Close up of smelly fungus/mushrooms with spores, and a natural 'still life' Stephen noticed.

