

Making history

Author to visit Bowls Club for new book promotion

COOLUM Beach Bowls Club will become a hub for history buffs this afternoon, when Queensland author Lucy Taylor visits the Club to promote her new book.

Entitled 'Through Their Eyes: Glimpses of a Changing Australia', the book provides a snapshot of what our diverse country used to be like, through the eyes of 24 long-time residents from different historically-significant towns.

Ms Taylor will be at the Coolum Beach Bowls Club this afternoon (Thursday, January 30) from 4.30pm to sign copies and answer questions about the book.

She will also be raffling off two copies of the 172-page book, with the names of all those in attendance at the time put into a hat.

Ms Taylor said the event at Coolum was a must, as a way of saying thank-you, after about 60 locals helped her select the design of the book's cover from five short-listed submissions she had received through the design website 99 Designs.

"When I was holidaying in Coolum last August, I was in the process of designing the book's cover," Ms Taylor explained.

"I visited the Coolum Bowls Club one Saturday afternoon and was given permission to walk around the tables and ask members and visitors to choose a cover image from several that I had saved on my iPad.

"The majority chose the image that now appears on the cover and expressed interest regarding the book's availability."

"Through Their Eyes: Glimpses of a Changing Australia", which was officially released on December 16, took Ms Taylor two years to write, due to the lengthy process of finding and interviewing her subjects, who were each interviewed for three or four hours.

"About 85 per cent of the people in the book are over the age of 85



HISTORIC TALE: Author Lucy Taylor will be at the Coolum Beach Bowls Club today to promote her new book 'Through Their Eyes: Glimpses of a Changing Australia'.

years, so they had their childhoods through the depression and lived through the World War," Ms Taylor said.

The book's storytellers include a crocodile hunter, tin miner, blade shearer and karri timber-getter, revealing Australia's adventurous pioneering spirit, while other tales detail the harsh reality of life for a member of the Stolen Generation,

and that of a psychiatric nurse.

The book includes 90 colour photos, capturing the changes seen through the subjects' lifetimes.

'Through Their Eyes: Glimpses of a Changing Australia' costs \$24.99 and is available through the website www.achangingaustralia.com.au.

Ten per cent of all sales is donated to Alzheimer's Australia Dementia Research Foundation.

Learning at the library

YOUR local Coolum Library is set to hold two free informative sessions on Tuesday, February 11.

From 2pm-3.30pm is iPad for Beginners, a demonstration session for beginners with time afterwards for 'hands-on' discovery.

The session will cover how to use the iPad for internet, email, photos, connecting with family and friends, reading books, and more.

Please remember to BYO iPad if you have one, and bookings are essential.

Then, from 5pm-6.30pm is the Right Brain Genius session, where you get to flick your creative switch.

An effective tool used to unlock the right side of your brain is learning to draw, so join Helen Joy as she explains how using your right brain in harmony with your left

brain can create balance in your life.

This interactive session will not only help you say goodbye to negative emotions you may hold about your creative ability, but boost your confidence and allow yourself to discover a great way to relieve stress.

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