## Lake Macquarie Art Gallery & Lakeside Ramble

Saturday 15th January 2005

Attendance: 28.

An Un-geological Afternoon, divided into 4 stages:

**Stage 1:** Twenty eight members and visitors attended the Society's first activity for the 2005 year; a social afternoon of mixed activities. We started with a tour of the "21st Century Landscapes" at Lake Macquarie Art Gallery, reflecting on them to a background of live classical guitar, and a foreground of wine tasting (Arranged at the last minute after the restaurant closed for a wedding!!!!)

**Stage 2:** 'Kaffee mit Kuchen' in the grounds on the grass under the trees, near the wedding, with more "organised" musical entertainment provided by the wedding.

**Stage 3:** Walking (some intrepid people), Cycling (2 even more intrepid people), driving (others, more sensible) to Warners Bay.

**Stage 4:** Sumptuous fine dining on fish and chips etc. behind the bushes, under the trees, in the park, near the water, at Warners Bay.



Afternoon tea in the grounds of Lake Macquarie Art Gallery.



Fine dining Warner's Bay foreshore.

## **Geo-Snippet**

- Australia forms part of the Indo-Australian Plate. During the last 35 million years, Australia has moved North over a stationary 'hot-spot' forming a chain of volcanoes.
- ♦ The oldest volcanoes have mostly eroded away. However, spectacular remnants still remain as plugs & spires.
- ♦ The first & oldest is at Cape Hillsborough in Northern Queensland (you may have seen the Pinnacle). Next, the Glasshouse Mts. (25 MY old), then Mt. Kaputar (17-21 MY old) followed by the Warrumbungle Mts. (13-17 MY old) and lastly, Mt. Macedon in Victoria. (6 MY old)