

A LIFE ON PITTWATER Susan Duncan

"Pittwater is a community where everyone is encouraged to have a go, where a larrikin spirit lives on and old-fashioned values are still strong," says bestselling author Susan Duncan. "It's a strong, vibrant community – like so many throughout Australia that are the essential but often uncelebrated backbone of country life."

Former women's magazine editor and journalist, Susan Duncan, came to Pittwater when she impulsively bought a tumbledown, boxy little shack in Lovett Bay. The move changed her life forever, as she describes in her bestselling memoir, SALVATION CREEK. Today, Susan lives at 'Tarrangaua', the gracious house built in 1925 for poet Dorothea Mackellar.

A LIFE ON PITTWATER celebrates the rich community life on the boat-access-only western foreshores... where kids catch the ferry to school... where everyone has time for a cuppa and a slice of homemade fruitcake... where neighbours stop their tinnies in the middle of the bay for a quick chat. Nearly everyone takes a turn to cook dinner once a month for the volunteer fire brigade fundraiser and if you own anything that floats you can race in the Woody Point Yacht Club twilight series (sorry, no clubhouse but plenty of picnics!).

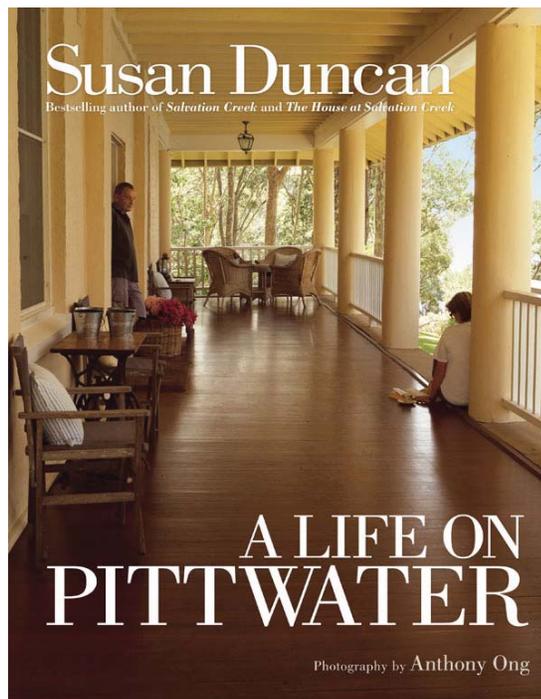
Top Sydney photographer, Anthony Ong, has captured the spirit and unique way of life in a series of stunning photographs of this tiny waterside idyll just 45 minutes from Sydney's CBD. The picnics, the working barges, the hilarious Scotland Island to Church Point Dog Race, the bush and its ragged beauty. He also takes us inside historic 'Tarrangaua', where Susan and her second husband, Bob, now live.

"A LIFE ON PITTWATER is an unfluffed up look at the way life is lived in a world where there are no cars or streetlights and the only way home is by boat," says Duncan. "Above all, it is a celebration of the important role of a strong community in every day life."

SALVATION CREEK won the 2007 Nielson BookData Bookseller's Choice Award and was short-listed for the prestigious Dobbie Award, part of the Nita B Kille awards for women writers. Her follow-up book, THE HOUSE AT SALVATION CREEK, was a national bestseller.

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