

PORT ARTHUR TALKS

Murphy's signals of Hobart Town

presented by Mark Risby

Edward Murphy, a convict prison guard in the 99th Regt of Foot in Van Diemen's Land during the 1840s and 1850s, produced eleven unique maritime charts. Containing the various types of signalling used by the maritime and penal systems, the charts display the only known diagrams of the individual merchant ships identification flags for use only in Hobart Town.

His lavishly illustrated charts show in fine detail 250 different flags and over 300 telegraphic semaphore signals and their decodes. This presentation will provide an insight into the man and his unique artwork.

Mark Risby is a seventh generation Tasmanian who held various positions for 22 years in his long established family business of sawmilling, timber production and retailing. After retraining he was the risk management consultant at Shadforths Ltd for over 14 years, a financial planning and stockbroking firm in Hobart. With interests including vexillology (the study of flags), sailing, bushwalking, ornithology, topiary, family, marine and military history, he is also an ex-Royal Australian naval reservist, and member of the Maritime Museum of Tasmania and the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania.

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Tuesday 25 November, 2014 at 5.30 p.m.

**Junior Medical Officer's Conference Room,
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