

HERITAGE-NEWS: December 2016

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The Tasmanian Historic Heritage Brand – The Story So Far

During 2016, the Tasmanian Heritage Council embarked on a number of projects identified in our Strategic Plan. One of these was the Tasmanian Historic Heritage Brand Project. We invited people with an interest in Tasmania's historic heritage to participate in understanding, creating and evolving a brand for Tasmania's historic heritage. A brand is a promise – it tells people what they can expect to experience, and it comes from what people say about the experience when you are not in the room. We want to build a brand for the Tasmanian Heritage Experience that members of the Tasmanian heritage community can use to present a united voice that will bring our historic heritage to life. Many of you have already participated in that process. More than 200 people responded to a survey to identify the values that you want to see associated with the Tasmanian heritage brand, and over 30 people came together in workshops to distil the outcomes. The Heritage Council thanks you all for sharing your thoughts and your time. To share what was heard, and how the work is progressing, click [here](#).

A Forgotten Success Story

A downtown Launceston store is the face of a forgotten immigrant success story. Henry Thom Sing, aka Ah Sin and Tom Ah Sing, was a Chinese gold digger, shopkeeper, interpreter and entrepreneur, born in Canton, China, on 14 March 1844. He arrived in Tasmania on the ship *Tamar* in 1868. For the full story click [here](#).

Highland Power Trail Opens

Hydro Tasmania's new heritage touring trail in the Central Highlands is complete and ready for visitors over summer. The Highlands Power Trail is a self-guided driving trail that journeys through the heritage-listed Great Lake Power Scheme, and provides an insight into the history of hydropower in Tasmania. Further information can be found [here](#).

1967 Tasmanian Bushfires Exhibition

16 DECEMBER 2016 – 19 MARCH 2017 | TASMANIAN MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

One Hell of an Inferno: The 1967 Tasmanian Bushfires is a TMAG exhibition that tells the story of the fires that engulfed south-eastern Tasmania on 7 February 1967 and their impact on Tasmanian communities. Tasmanians who lived through that devastating day have vivid memories of their experiences, and many of their stories are shared as part of the exhibition. TMAG will also mark the anniversary of the fires with a special ceremony on Tuesday, 7 February 2017.

Archaeology Open Day

SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2017 | 10AM- 4PM | WILLOW COURT, NEW NORFOLK

The Willow Court Barracks is one of the nation's oldest hospital buildings, built between 1830 and 1833 to treat convict invalids and free settlers. A second barracks building (now demolished) was

attached at the rear for patients with mental health issues—this was the first purpose built asylum in Australia. Archaeologists have been working at the site since 2014 to try to understand the daily life of patients and staff in this institution across 170 years. Come and meet the archaeologists in 2017, learn about the excavations, ask questions and contribute to understanding the site and its history. Entry and tours are free. All ages welcome. This work is supported by the Derwent Valley Council, Flinders University and the University of Tasmania.

Can you help?

The Tasmanian Archives and Heritage Office needs your assistance identifying Tasmanian places. You can find the images and feedback instructions [here](#).

Thank you

The Chair and members of the Tasmanian Heritage Council, and staff at Heritage Tasmania, thank you all for sharing your interests, ideas, comments and concerns throughout 2016. We wish you a happy and safe Christmas, summer and New Year.

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