

HERITAGE-NEWS: April 2016

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Heritage Chairs and Officials Meet

The Heritage Chairs and Officials of Australia and New Zealand (HCOANZ) meet each year to discuss topical issues, areas of common interest and hear from guest speakers about innovative practices emerging across the historic heritage sector. This year's meetings were held in Brisbane in early April and included a site visit to Queensland's oldest European structure, the Brisbane Windmill, and Old Government House. For a report on the meeting, click [here](#).

New tourism appointment to the Heritage Council

Matthew Groom MP, Minister for Environment, Parks and Heritage, has confirmed the appointment of Ms Kathryn McCann as the new Tourism Industry Council of Tasmania's (TICT) representative to the Tasmanian Heritage Council for a three year term. For the full story click [here](#).

Get ready for the 2016 Tasmanian Heritage Festival

Tasmania's Heritage Festival program for 2016 has been launched, giving everyone an opportunity to explore Tasmania's historic heritage sites. Amongst the many events are:

- An Oral History Workshop on 28 May 2016 (email president@oralhistory.tas.org.au for information)
- Family Day Out at Franklin House (contact franklin@nationaltrusttas.org.au for information)
- Archaeological Research and Survey – Rediscovering the forgotten (contact info@centreforheritage.com.au for information)
- Kentish Museum – Rediscovering our Main Street (contact kentishmuseum@westnet.com.au for information)

For more details and access to the full program, click [here](#).

International Day for Monuments and Sites: Celebrating our Sporting Heritage

In celebration of the International Day for Monuments and Sites, and its focus on the heritage of sport, Heritage Tasmania delved into the Tasmanian Heritage Register for a look at some of Tasmania's heritage-listed cricket and football grounds and grandstands. For the full story, click [here](#).

NEW PUBLICATION: Duck Reach and Launceston's Electric Light

Author Julian Burgess and Launceston publisher Christopher (Gus) Green OAM released *Duck Reach and Launceston's Electric Light* to mark Duck Reach's 120th anniversary, and efforts to restore it as a working power station. Built in the steep and rocky Cataract Gorge, the Duck Reach Power Station brought together some of the leading civil and electrical engineers of the day. The result was the first publicly-owned hydro-electric power station in Australia. Within a few years Launceston was being described as the best lit city in Australia and the Duck Reach power scheme was making a profit for Launceston ratepayers. In the early 1900s the city council started promoting its plentiful supply of water and electricity to overseas industries. Despite being almost destroyed in the Great Flood of 1929, Duck Reach generated electricity for Launceston for 60 years and then was abandoned when it was replaced by the much bigger Trevallyn Power Station. In 2006 the Duck Reach Power Station was awarded an Historic Engineering Marker by the Institution of Engineers Australia in recognition of its technical significance and its social importance to Launceston. *Duck Reach and Launceston's Electric Light* is available from Birchalls, Petrarch's bookshop, Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery Launceston \$35.00 soft cover and \$69.95 hardback. For more information email rossergreen@vision.net.au.

PRESENTATION: Apprehending for £5 each: Revising the history of the Roving Parties

Thursday 5 May 2016 | 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm | Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts, 91 Murray Street Hobart

In the years following the cessation of hostilities in Van Diemen's Land, a master narrative of the conflict of the late 1820s and early 1830s developed. The conflict's causes, conduct, and conclusion are generally agreed points of reference, even in the face of varying micro-interpretations. The established schema has remained largely intact for nearly two centuries, but it is increasingly obvious that the 'Black War' master narrative fails to fully account for the complexities of frontier conflict. Nic Brodie presents a case study of the Roving Parties – those expeditions authorised to capture Aboriginal people – which have generally been left out of an oft-told and increasingly antiquated (hi)story. Conducted by magistrates, gentry, convicts, servants, men, women, and Vandemonians of various cultural and ethnic extractions, the Roving Parties serve as an unusually instructive case study. Taking a fresh look at the role, impact, conduct, and composition of the Roving Parties therefore helps to start revising the old master narrative of Tasmania's 'Black War' and commence substituting it with a broader and more nuanced conception of the Vandemonian War. For more information contact carolineevans@iinet.ent.au.

PRESENTATION: The Kerry Lodge Archaeology Project

Sunday 15 May 2016 | Canberra

John Dent will provide an overview of the recent archaeology projects being completed at Kerry Lodge. All are welcome to attend this free event. For further information email www.launcestonhistory@gmail.com.

CONFERENCE: National Education Heritage Conference 2016

20-21 June 2016 | 2:00 | Meeting Room, QVMAG at Inveresk

The National Trusts of Australia is hosting the National Education Heritage Conference 2016 to explore schools, public and online heritage education programmes. The programme is developed to cater for a diversity of audiences, covering all groupings and age ranges. Keynote speakers include Professor Carmen Lawrence, Chair of the Australian Heritage Commission. For further enquiries and registration, email Nicole.brame@ntwa.com.au.

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