

HERITAGE-NEWS: December 2017

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Port Arthur Shines

Staff at the World Heritage listed Port Arthur had much to be proud of at the opening of the site's upgraded and expanded visitor centre. For images and stories, click [here](#). It's a great reason to reacquaint yourself with the site. And if you are planning a visit, remember that the popular school holiday activity program runs from 26 December 2017 to 26 January 2018 with a series of activities and free performances on site – all included in your site entry ticket. For more information, click through to [Port Arthur's website](#).

Marking the Botanical Garden's Bicentenary

The Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens has commenced celebrating its bicentenary with the launch of *The Gardens: Celebrating Tasmania's Botanical Treasure 1818-2018*. The book is a deeply personal account of the people, plans and passions connected to the Gardens over the past 200 years. Tasmanians responded enthusiastically to the call to submit their images and memories to this book, making it a personal reflection worthy of this milestone. While the Gardens are the site of many fond family occasions and community events, they also form a key part of botanical conservation in Tasmania and are an important part of our visitor economy. All profits from the sale of the book will be reinvested directly into the Gardens. Copies are available from the shop at the Gardens, or by ordering [online](#).

Celebrating Houses and Estates of Old Glamorgan Bay

A seven-year labour of love by the staff and volunteers at the Glamorgan Spring Bay Historical Society came to fruition this month with the launch of their publication *Houses and Estate of Old Glamorgan Bay*. The book reveals the history and technical architectural details of 30 houses and outbuildings spanning the period from c1822 to the early 1900s. In the book's foreword, Chair of the Tasmanian Heritage Council Ms Brett Torossi notes that while each of the buildings has its own story, "woven together these stories and imagery reveal a little more of the seductive nature of Tasmania's east coast – its mystery, allure and energy", and act as a reminder of "why we strive to protect the precious, sometimes contradictory, yet irreplaceable essence that is Tasmania". Available at good book stores or [online](#).

Updating the Drill Hall Entry

Strahan's Drill Hall sits discreetly beside the town's imposing Customs House, yet this modest building has played many important roles in the life of the local community. The Drill Hall entry on the Tasmanian Heritage Register is one of a number of entries that are being updated to improve information, and to make it easier to understand the place's significance and therefore why it is listed in the Heritage Register. For the full story click [here](#).

Signs for the Times

There is no escape from the countless array of signs in our cities and towns. Not all signage is bad though – carefully designed and thoughtfully located signs can do their job well, yet not visually compromise their setting. For the full story click [here](#).

CONFERENCE: Home Heaven Hell

5 & 6 April 2018 | Sydney, NSW

Over the past 30 years there has been enormous growth in the so called 'heritage industry' and with it a range of professional and organisational bodies – conservation architects, planners, archaeologists, bureaucrats. This growth has been accompanied by sophisticated and sometimes complex processes, charters, and procedures to facilitate the identification and protection of historic buildings in Australia. The Historic Houses Association of Australia (HHA) was re-formed in 2014 to become the leading support agency for the owners of historic houses across Australia. The HHA's inaugural national conference in Sydney in April 2018 will be the first conference in Australia that will address issues faced by private owners and independent managers of historic properties throughout Australia. The conference is designed around lectures, panels and case studies. Delegates will hear from owners throughout the country, selected experts from here and overseas, and heritage specialists. For more information and to register visit www.historichousesconference.com.

Thank you

The Chair and members of the Tasmanian Heritage Council, and staff at Heritage Tasmania, thank you all for sharing your thoughts and passion throughout 2017. We wish you a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. Our offices will close on Friday 22 December and reopen on 2 January 2018. The first e-bulletin for 2018 is scheduled for February 2018.

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