

HERITAGE-NEWS: February 2016

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New website now live

Heritage Tasmania and the Tasmanian Heritage Council has released a new web platform for all its information. We hope you find it refreshing, and easier to navigate compared to our former website. Our website address (www.heritage.tas.gov.au) has not changed. We are aware, however, that it may take some time to acquaint yourself with the new layout. Direct links to our most commonly visited pages are:

- Tasmanian Heritage Council - Minutes of Meetings <http://heritage.tas.gov.au/THC/about-the-tasmanian-heritage-council/heritage-council-meetings>
- Review of the Tasmanian Heritage Register <http://heritage.tas.gov.au/heritage-listed-places/reviewing-the-register>
- Works Guidelines <http://heritage.tas.gov.au/works-and-development>
- Services Directory <http://heritage.tas.gov.au/works-and-development/heritage-services-directory>
- Searching the Tasmanian Heritage Register <http://heritage.tas.gov.au/heritage-listed-places/search-the-register>

Please email us at enquiries@heritage.tas.gov.au if you can't find what you are looking for. And we would love to hear your feedback and suggestions so that we can continue to improve our website, as an important community resource.

Works Guidelines

The Minister for Environment, Parks and Heritage, Matthew Groom, has launched the Tasmanian Heritage Council's new Works Guidelines to help owners and developers achieve the best possible outcomes when completing works to heritage-listed places, as well as places that aren't listed where their owners are keen to ensure they respect and protect the character of their home. [For more details, click here.](#)

Revisiting a 20th Century Heritage Design

When most people think of heritage places in Tasmania, they often readily think about Georgian cottages or evidence of our convict history. It is less well known that the Tasmanian Heritage Register includes a wide range of places from many time periods, including interwar (1915-1940), post war (c1940-1960) and the late twentieth century (c.1960-). The Rokeby Fire Station is an excellent example of late twentieth century postmodern architecture entered on the Heritage Register. It was designed by local firm

Howroyd and Forward in the late 1970s and won the 1979 RAI (Tasmanian Division) Triennial Design award. [For all the details, click here.](#)

Archaeological Investigations at Port Arthur

If you're thinking about heading down to the Port Arthur Historic Site this summer you should make a point of checking out the archaeological investigations at the rear of the Penitentiary. [For the full story click here.](#)

Past Ancestors at the Fingal Post Office

In a state like Tasmania, occasionally Heritage Tasmania staff discover places on the Heritage Register connected with their ancestors. The first in five generations not to work for the post office, Research Officer Kim Simpson tells one such story. [For the full story click here.](#)

Discoveries and Rediscoveries

Plans are now underway for the 2016 Tasmanian Heritage Festival. This year's theme, *Discoveries and Rediscoveries*, investigates the concept of new discoveries, and the idea that we can rediscover history and find something new to learn. We might even consider the idea that history needs to be re-written as a result of new research findings. The National Trust Tasmania invites you to re-explore your region and promote your heritage through a local event. The Festival runs from 1-31 May 2016. For more information email admin@nationaltrust.org.au

EVENT: Launceston Historical Society Talk

18 March 2016 | 8:00pm | Sir Raymond Ferrall Centre, University of Tasmania, Newnham

The Launceston Historical Society has secured Michelle Grattan AO to present its 28th John West Memorial Lecture. Michelle Grattan is one of Australia's most respected and awarded political journalists. She has been a member of the Canberra parliamentary press gallery for more than 40 years, during which time she has covered all the most significant stories in Australian politics. Michelle's presentation is titled: *The Power of Small Voice – The Struggle for the Senate's Centre*. All welcome, entry free. For more information email launcestonhistory@gmail.com

EVENT: Longford Academy

9-13 May 2016 | Brickendon and Woolmers Estates

The Longford Academy is a collaborative learning program led by experienced APT specialist practitioner educators. Participants are engaged in site activities aimed at developing and sharing specialist heritage conservation knowledge and skills whilst contributing to safeguarding the outstanding universal values of the two sites. These activities may include information sessions, discussions, inspections, investigations, recording, conservation works and group learning activities. For further information email apt.australasia.chapter@gmail.com

EVENT: Oral History Workshop

28 May 2016 | 9:30am – 4:00pm | Meeting Room, Queen Victoria Museum, Inveresk

Presented by Jill Cassidy, this workshop will cover interview technique, pitfalls, ethics, equipment and transcribing. The cost is \$50 (\$30 students) and includes lunch. Prior registration is essential. To register email president@oralhistorytas.org.au or ring 0418 178 098.