

HERITAGE-NEWS: July 2018

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Celebrating 21 years

The Tasmanian Heritage Council marked 21 years at a Government House reception last month. The evening provided an opportunity to thank everyone who has played a part in the Heritage Council's journey over the past 21 years, said Chair Ms Brett Torossi. "Marking a point in time – 21 years – is a good reason for us to gather, to reflect on our journey, and express our appreciation to the people who have contributed to the achievements to date." Past and current members of the Heritage Council joined property owners, local government officials, and many of the heritage professional colleagues who are a part of the work of the Heritage Council, as well as past and current staff at Heritage Tasmania.

Reimagining Tasmanian Heritage

The Tasmanian Heritage Council's newest publication is encouraging people to reimagine Tasmania's historic heritage places. To read the story behind the publication, and the stories in the publication, click [here](#).

The Story of a Railway Tunnel and Cosmic Ray Research

In 1997, half of a classic-looking tunnel entrance was listed on the Tasmanian Heritage Register. Today, the listing has been revised to protect the length of the tunnel and to mark its link to internationally-recognized cosmic ray research. For the full story, click [here](#).

Architectural Award Nominees Display

Don't miss out on the opportunity to be inspired by the many entries in the 2018 Tasmanian Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architecture Awards. To view the nominated entries head to the [Institute of Architects website](#), or visit the Awards Display in Hobart at the Brooke Street Pier from 20 June 2018. The Awards will be presented on 7 July 2018. The Tasmanian Heritage Council is a proud sponsor of the Heritage Award Category.

Flags fly at Mount Nelson Once Again

Tasmania's first signal station has been restored more than 200 years since it began operation on Mount Nelson. Raised in 1811, the original mast played a critical role in maritime communication. While technology has replaced the need for the Mount Nelson signal station, it remains an important piece of Tasmania's history. A Parks and Wildlife Service project to conserve the significant heritage of the site and improve the visitor experience has now been completed. Upgrades to the site include painting the exterior of the station, the purchase of a new telescope, updating visitor information and the fabrication and installation of a new flagpole. The new mast is an exact replica of the worn

out pole taken down last year, and stands an impressive 22 metres tall. Such masts were essential links in the semaphore communication system in southern Tasmania. In its heyday, in fine weather a message could reportedly get from Port Arthur to Hobart in 15 minutes. These latest upgrades will ensure the significant heritage of the site is preserved and is available for locals and tourists to enjoy.

The Van Diemen History Prize 2018/2019 – A new Tasmanian History Writing Prize

Good writing about history can be engaging, insightful, poignant or intriguing, but the underlying research will always be authentic and rigorous. To foster quality writing about Tasmanian history, Forty South Publishing is initiating a biennial prize for non-fiction history articles written for a general audience. Open to Australian citizens or Australian permanent residents, the prize is for articles up to 3,000 words on any aspect of Tasmanian history prior to the 21st century. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$500 and publication in *Tasmania 40°South*. A selection of the best entries will be published in *The Van Diemen Anthology 2019*. Entry forms and terms (attached) can be downloaded from the "Writing Competitions" page at www.fortysouth.com.au Entry fee: \$20 per article. Entries close September 24, 2018.

WORKSHOP: Urban Salinity Management

Tuesday 17 July 2018 | 9:00am – 1:00 pm | West Tamar Council Offices, 2-4 Eden Street, Riverside

Presenters Allan Nicholson and Eion O'Keefe will explain the causes of salinity, how salinity damages infrastructure and solutions to ensure that public and private infrastructure are salt-safe. RSVPs essential by Monday 9 July 2018. For more information contact Stuart.Brownlea@mvc.tas.gov.au

PRESENTATION: Old Hobart Church Cemeteries and their Records

Thursday 5 July 2018 | 1:00pm – 2:00pm | Allport Library, State Library, Murray Street, Hobart

Soon after the establishment of every settlement, there has been the need for a burial ground or cemetery in which to bury the dead. As the settlement of Hobart grew, the religion of the residents diversified and burial grounds were provided, sometimes by the Government, sometimes by devotees of the religion. Presenter Maree Ring will discuss when the various burial grounds in Hobart were established, and when they closed.

PRESENTATION: The O'Connors of Connorville

Sunday 15 July 2018 | 2:00 | Meeting Room, QVMAG at Inveresk

Intelligent, impatient and forthright, Roderic O'Connor arrived in Van Diemen's Land in 1824 with next to nothing, and made a fortune through wool. He left a wonderful description of the island in his Land Commissioners' Journals, and from 1829 to 1836 was responsible for building the island's roads and bridges, an extremely difficult job. His story encapsulates the island's history in the 1820s and 1830s. Dr Alison Alexander will present this fascinating history. All welcome. Launceston Historical Society members free, \$4 for non-members.

SAVE THE DATE: Tasmanian Heritage Symposia

November 2018, Hobart

Over the 9-12th November 2018, Australia ICOMOS will be holding 2 one-day heritage symposia and the 2018 Australia ICOMOS. One symposium is on the subject of cultural landscapes – the diversity of types and how to recognise this diversity in conservation and management. The other symposium will explore the heritage of science, including what science heritage is, what significant science heritage we have in Australia, and whether there are particular management needs for the conservation of this heritage. The events will all be held in Hobart.

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