

HERITAGE-NEWS: July 2019

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Historic Gems Recognised

New entries in the Heritage Register are recognising the importance of Launceston's Cataract Gorge, Duck Reach Power Scheme and Railway Workshops. Chair of the Tasmanian Heritage Council, Ms Brett Torossi, explained that 'these three places were entered in the Heritage Register some years ago, but their entries were concise and contained limited detail that helped to substantiate the places' values, stories and features. Recognising this, the Heritage Council has prepared new, and much more comprehensive, replacement entries that enable the Heritage Council to articulate the uniqueness of each of these places.' For copies of the entries and details on how to comment on the entries, click [here](#).

Thoughtful Transition Wins Heritage Award

The thoughtful transition between the old spaces of a Federation home into its contemporary steel addition has been awarded multiple honours at this year's Tasmanian Architecture Awards. For the details, click [here](#).

Heritage Hub Open During the Heritage and Bullocks Festival

A main street shop derelict for more than 30 years has opened as a 'Heritage Hub', and you can experience all it has to offer during the Oatlands Heritage and Bullock Festival. Click [here](#) for the details.

Science Heritage

The organisers of a Science Heritage Symposium held in Hobart last year are exploring how many science heritage places are recognised in Tasmania and Australia more broadly. For the story click [here](#).

PRESENTATION: 'Endeared by My Affliction' – The Tangled Lives of John Hepburn and Sir John Franklin

Thursday, 1 August 2019 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm | Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts, 91 Murray Street Hobart

This talk by historian Anna Claydon draws on collections from the Tasmanian Archives as well as a dozen archives in the UK and Canada to tell a hidden history that starts at the margins, linking Tasmania to the Arctic, polar exploration to convict discipline, and trauma to friendship. It focuses on the strange relationship between Sir John Franklin and the ordinary sailor John Hepburn, which spanned the globe and their entire lives. These two men were 'endeared by affliction' as Franklin put it, having nearly starved to death at Fort Enterprise in 1822 before they were saved by Dene Yellowknife Indians. Their lives were forever

intertwined, as they travelled together to Van Diemen's Land in 1837, where Franklin installed Hepburn as a Constable at Point Puer. In 1851, the 60 year old Hepburn went in search of his "Old Chief" in a ship commanded by Captain William Kennedy, whose Swampy Cree mother and Scottish father had helped Franklin and Hepburn 30 years before. The unique collections of the Tasmanian Archives help to document this story in Hepburn's own words, through a fascinating collection of letters that shed light on a hitherto untold tale. Free event, all welcome.

PRESENTATION: Private Robert McNally's Secret Journal of 1820s Van Diemen's Land

7 August 2019 | 5:00pm | Junior Medical Officer's Conference Room, Port Arthur Historic Site

Very occasionally a historian strikes 'archive gold'. For Professor Pam Sharpe this was discovering the diary/memoir of Private Robert McNally in the National Library of Ireland. Private McNally, 40th Regiment of Foot, served in Van Diemen's Land during the mid-1820s. Professor Sharpe will discuss the surprise discovery of this damaged and rare anonymous journal providing an insight into Van Diemen's Land in the years leading up to the Black War. Pam Sharpe was the first female Professor in History at the University of Tasmania and the first woman nominated to the Australian Academy of the Humanities from Tasmania. A graduate of Edinburgh and Cambridge Universities, she is an expert in British social and economic history who has expanded her interests to Van Diemen's Land. For more information call 6251 2324.

PRESENTATION: A Brief History of the Cataract Gorge

Sunday 18 August 2019 | 2:00pm | Meeting Room, QVMAG at Inveresk

Marion Sargent, President of Launceston Historical Society (LHS) since 2012, shares her interest in the history of our city and region by researching and writing articles and essays for publication in books, journals and newspapers. She also enjoys travelling and bike riding. Marion's illustrated presentation will cover the history of the Cataract Gorge since 1804. Writers have waxed lyrical about its beauty, but access was limited to the hardy few until the paths and bridges gradually opened the area for all to see. A Victorian pleasure garden emerged from the rocky and swampy area of the First Basin. But natural bushland still surrounds it making this a special and unique place. All welcome. Free for LHS members, \$4 for non-members. Afternoon tea will be served. Email launcestonhistory@gmail.com for more details.

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