

HERITAGE-NEWS: July 2020

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Milestone for World Heritage Convict Sites

On 31 July 2010, after many years of research and deliberation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) World Heritage Committee meeting in Brazil made a decision to inscribe the Australian Convict Sites on the World Heritage List. This listing brought together 11 sites, spread over four jurisdictions, which together help to tell Australia's convict story. Five Tasmanian convict sites are included in the listing. For more details and videos of the sites click [here](#).

Improving the Tasmanian Heritage Register

The Tasmanian Heritage Council continues its work to improve entries in the Tasmanian Heritage Register. Newly revised permanent entries include the [Launceston Railway Workshops](#), the [Treasury Complex and Public Buildings](#) and [Cornelian Bay Boatsheds](#). Recent provisional registrations include the [Tasmanian Gold Mine Site and Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre](#), and [a group of six entries](#) including shops in Bellerive and Zeehan, the Hagley Farm School, the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens and others.

Moorilla-MONA Recognised

Amongst the new and revised Heritage Register entries is Moorilla/MONA. In 1999 two individual entries, Moorilla Estate – Courtyard House and Moorilla Estate – Round House, were permanently listed in the Heritage Register. Since then the site has undergone major development, transforming into the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA), an internationally acclaimed cultural tourism site. However, the site also tells a story of post-war migration to Tasmania and the [origins of Tasmania's wine industry](#).

Synagogue Commemorates 175

The Hobart Hebrew Congregation's synagogue at 59 Argyle Street was consecrated on 4 July 1845, and remains the oldest in Australia. For an overview of the synagogue's history, click [here](#).

Residential Excavation Uncovers Past

An archaeological excavation on the corner of Margaret and Balfour Streets in West Launceston has uncovered some [interesting finds](#).

National Family History Month

August is National Family History Month, and Libraries Tasmania is hosting a range of information sessions throughout the month that are all about discovering your past. For further information head to the [Libraries Tasmania website](#).

WORKSHOPS: Oral History

15 August 2020 | 10:00am – 4:45pm | Peace Haven, 177 Penquite Rd, Launceston

Presented by Jill Cassidy of Oral History Tasmania, this workshop will cover interview technique, pitfalls, ethics, equipment and transcribing. There will be social distancing and other COVID-safe practices. The cost is \$40 (\$15 students). For further information and a registration form visit www.oralhistorytas.org.au or ring Jill on 0418 178 098.

5 September 2020 | 1:00pm – 3:00pm | Queen Victoria Museum, Inveresk, Launceston

Debra Cardogan-Cowper will present *'Dial a Local': sharing our locals' stories* about the Ross Wool Centre's oral histories presented to visitors through a vintage red telephone box. Terrie Pollard's *When we were young* recounts her project interviewing elderly Kentish residents about their memories of living around Sheffield in the first 20 years of their lives. This COVID-safe seminar costs \$10. For further details visit www.oralhistorytas.org.au after Thursday 16 July, or ring Jill on 0418 178 098.

PRESENTATION: Love in the Coldest Climate: Polar Expeditions and Private Correspondence

Thursday 6 August 2020 | 1:00pm | Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts, Ground Floor, 91 Murray Street, Hobart

When we think of polar exploration, we often imagine ice-bound ships of shivering men, totally cut off from communication with the rest of the world. But that's not the whole story. Nineteenth century Arctic and Antarctic explorers wrote to their families and loved ones by every means possible – by whaling ship and birchbark canoe – and their families in turn spread the word (and rumours) about their voyages. Those stories intertwine in surprising ways with Tasmanian history, even linking Inuit testimony about the missing Franklin expedition to the debate about the end of transportation, through private letters that crossed the "cold spaces of empire". For more information, email enquiries@heritage.tas.gov.au.

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