

HERITAGE-NEWS: June 2016

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Heritage Wins at Tasmanian Architecture Awards

The sustainable use of historic heritage places was the big winner at the 2016 Tasmanian Architecture Awards night. Tasmania is fortunate to have such a wealth of built heritage, and Tasmanian architects who once again show themselves adept at enriching it through contemporary design. For the full story click [here](#).

New Span for Flood-damaged Bridge

The Kimberley Railway Bridge in the north of the State will undergo urgent repair works after recent floods destroyed the northern span. Full details are [here](#).

Woolmers Estate Bicentenary News

Work has commenced at Woolmers on the new Visitor Centre and is on target to be completed in time for the planned official opening in March 2017 during Woolmers' Bicentennial Year. The work to prepare the site for building was completed some time ago, and now builders have taken up residence on the site, with every day seeing another precast wall being swung into place by the huge onsite crane. These precast walls will later be clad on the outside with burnt macrocarpa and internally, with interior walls with fine Tasmanian timber features. Once the roof is in place, work will commence on the interior fit out and interpretation features. In the lead up to the Bicentenary, Woolmers Estate looks forward to hearing from as many descendants as possible of convicts and free settlers who lived and worked at Woolmers Estate, and from the descendants of Archer family members. All are invited to join in the celebrations for Woolmers 200th Birthday. Preparations are underway for a reunion during September 2017, as part of the Estate's Bicentennial. For further information on this special event, email enquiries@woolmers.com.au noting your interest and a brief description of your family connection to Woolmers Estate. This will ensure you are kept up to date on the planned events and will receive your invitation to celebrate with Woolmers.

EVENT: Building the Public Housing System in Tasmania

Thursday 7 July 2016 | 1:00pm -2:00pm | Allport Library, LINC, Murray Street, Hobart

Tasmania's public housing stock is often criticised for the way it was built – big broad-acre estates on the urban fringe, leading to concentrations of disadvantage and social exclusion. Politicians, policy-makers and commentators see broadacres as a mistake, belonging to a well-intentioned but ultimately misguided past, that should never be repeated. Presenter Kathleen Flanagan draws on material held by the Tasmanian Archive

and Heritage Office, to explore the reasons why our public housing was built in the way that it was — and in doing so, presents a very different account of the history of public housing construction in Tasmania. To RSVP email carolineevans@iinet.net.au.

PRESENTATION: The Hobart Town Hall Organ & the City Organists 1870-2000

Thursday 4 August 2016 | 1:00pm -2:00pm | Allport Library, LINC, Murray Street, Hobart

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Hobart Town Hall, the City of Hobart's Senior Cultural Heritage Officer, Brendan Lennard, will present an illustrated exploration of the Town Hall's grand concert organ, based on the lives of the eight City Organists ... the famous, the obscure, the virtuous and the guilty. This talk, which complements the September talk, "Municipal Magnificence" by architect and author, Peter Freeman, is based on the first comprehensive study of the City Organists and their contribution to the musical life of the city. To RSVP email carolineevans@iinet.net.au.

EVENT: Dig for the Diggers – Marking the Centenary of the Battle of Fromelles

6.30pm, 8 July Devonport Spreyton Memorial Hall

12.00pm, 9 July Burnie Upper Burnie Memorial Hall

6.00pm, 9 July Deloraine Deloraine High School

12.30pm, 10 July Scottsdale Scottsdale RSL

6.30pm, 10 July Launceston Windmill Hill Hall

6.30pm, 11 July Swansea Town Hall

5.30pm, 12 July Oatlands Oatlands District High School

3.00pm, 16 July Hobart Anglesea Barracks Officers' Mess

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The Battle of Fromelles took place on the 19-20 July 1916, and came to be known as 'the worst 24 hours in Australia's entire history.' Over five and a half thousand Australian soldiers were killed, wounded or taken prisoner due to an 'error' by the British High Command. The Germans buried all those who were killed in mass graves behind German lines, however, not all the burial pits were found in the aftermath of the war. Eventually, in 2007, more graves were found and exhumation began in 2008. A new cemetery was created and a process of DNA matching amongst Australian relatives began. The first body was re-interred in January 2010. This play recounts the story of a fictional 'first body' in the shape of Mick Feeney, a stubborn Australian miner from Bothwell, who volunteered, even though he was in his late 30s. **TICKETS \$5** (Children under 12 are FREE) Tickets include *Dig for the Diggers play*, Six Bob A Day Exhibition and light refreshments. Bookings are recommended, limited door sales. For bookings and information email centenaryofanzac@dpac.tas.gov.au or phone 6232 7090.

EVENT: Launceston Historical Society Talk

Sunday, 17 July 2016 | 2:00pm | Meeting Room, QVMAG Inveresk

Georgia Fountoulaki will present *Greek Culture: Tasmanian Connections*. Afternoon tea will be served. Admission free. For more information email launcestonhistory@gmail.com

EVENT: Longford Academy Spring Session

22-26 August 2016 | Woolmers and Brickendon Estates, Longford, Tasmania

The APT Longford Academy Spring Session at the World Heritage inscribed Woolmers and Brickendon Estates offers three programs in the conservation of traditional buildings: a Masterclass in Carpentry and Joinery Conservation with Gary Waller; a Refresher on Heritage Fabric Conservation with David Young; and a Workshop on Wood Repair and Finishing, with Gary Waller and the APT Longford Academy team. For more information and registration details email apt.australasia.chapter@gmail.com

EVENT: History Seminar

Sunday 18 September 2016 | 10:30am-2:30pm | Meeting Room, QVMAG, Inveresk

Presented by Oral History Tasmania and the Launceston Historical Society, the seminar will include three speakers. Brad Williams of Praxis Environment will present on the archaeological project completed at the Launceston College/Gaol. The excavations at this development site revealed the very earliest part of the gaol from 1825. Oral historian Jill Cassidy will explore the recent mushrooming of oral history, and why it has caused so many people to make such a fuss of its benefits and has led to an explosion of books, radio and television programs, museum exhibitions and more recently CDs and videos using oral history. Margaretta Pos will speak on *My journey with colonial pioneer Elizabeth Fenton*. Born in Ireland in 1804 into the Anglo-Irish gentry, Margaretta Pos' great-great-great grandmother Elizabeth Fenton sailed for India in 1826 and died in Tasmania in 1876. She left a revealing chronicle of her life in her journals, the later ones, which have remained unpublished with her descendants. An intelligent and highly literate diarist, she faced tragedy, political intrigue and loss of faith, and all with a depressive illness that shadowed her life. Margaretta Pos approached Elizabeth's words as if conducting a series of interviews. Her book, *Mrs Fenton's Journey: India and Tasmania 1826 to 1876*, was published in 2014. The seminar cost is \$25 (including lunch). Full details and registration form are available at <http://oralhistorytas.org.au/comingEvents.html>

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