

HERITAGE-NEWS: March 2019

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The 'Almost Automatic' Mill

Campania District Area School has a history that links to the region's strong agricultural production and the dominance of Tasmania's wheat growing industry in the fledgling colonies. It's another story being brought to life as the Tasmanian Heritage Council continues to improve entries in the Tasmanian Heritage Register. For the full story, click [here](#).

The Burning Bush Windows

The 'exquisite' light and shade created through the stained glass 'burning bush windows' in Hobart has been a source of pride for over 150 years. Uncover the story behind this little-known heritage gem [here](#).

Slab Slaughter House Build Continues

The rebuilding of St Marys Slab Slaughter House continues. For a pictorial update, click [here](#), and if you missed the original story, you can find it [here](#).

Services to Cultural Heritage Recognised

29 women and one service organisation were recently entered in the Tasmanian Honour Roll of Women. The Roll, which began in 2005, recognises women past and present who have made a valuable contribution to the Tasmanian community. Amongst the 2019 recipients were: Kathy Duncombe and the late Josephine Denne, for their dedication to preserving the history of Bruny Island through their work at the Bruny Island Historical Society; ex-City of Hobart planner Carole Edwards for services to urban planning, the environment and heritage; Rossalyn Giudici for her commitment to digitising historic church records for the Archdiocese of Hobart Archives and Heritage Collection; Alison Overeem for services to Aboriginal affairs including her passion for raising awareness of Aboriginal culture and history; and Moya Sharpe for her commitment to the heritage of Sorell. The full list of inductees can be seen [here](#).

Improving Access to Public Heritage Buildings – The Oatlands Key

A 7-day per week public access system to the heritage sites across Oatlands has recently been installed. For details, click [here](#).

Heritage Places Renewal Loan Scheme

Do you know a private business owner with a heritage-listed property keen to use, develop or refresh it and grow the visitor economy? If so, the Heritage Places Renewal Loan Scheme

might be one way to help get their project off the ground. This scheme offers low interest loans worth up to \$1.5 million to: refresh or refurbish an existing business; undertake essential conservation projects; attend to deferred maintenance needs; and adapt, expand or enhance an existing business. More information on the scheme is available on the Office of the Coordinator General's website at www.cg.tas.gov.au.

Community Heritage Grants 2019

Community Heritage Grants of up to \$15,000 are available to assist in preserving Australian cultural heritage collections that are publicly accessible, locally held and nationally significant. Not-for-profit organisations, such as historical societies, regional museums, archives, galleries, public libraries and Indigenous and migrant community groups, are encouraged to apply. Applicants should carefully read the 2019 Community Heritage Grants program guidelines before submitting an application. Guidelines and the application form are available [here](#).

SCHOLARSHIP: Oral History Conference

Oral History Tasmania is offering a scholarship of \$1000 for a person to attend Oral History Australia's biennial national conference, [Intimate Stories, Challenging Histories](#), to be held in Brisbane 10–13 October 2019. You must be enrolled in tertiary studies or working on an oral history project; non-members will be required to join Oral History Tasmania; priority will be given to those not receiving funding from any other institution, grant etc; you will be expected to attend the whole conference and you must provide a comprehensive report on the conference, reviewing the sessions you attend, by the middle of November 2019. Apply by providing: your name; contact details including email address and phone number; details of university course (if applicable); and a statement of approximately up to 250 words explaining what you hope to gain by attending the conference, addressing all the issues detailed above. Email your application to president@oralhistorytas.org.au by 31 May 2019. The successful applicant will be advised by the end of June.

Autumn School for Heritage Home Owners and Restorers

16-19 May 2019, Runnymede, 62 Bay Road New Town

Runnymede Historic House is hosting a four-day practical, informative and fun school using traditional materials and tools that will give you the practical knowledge needed to maintain and restore heritage buildings, structures and fittings. The course will also cover guiding principles of the Burra Charter, planning and heritage approval processes and researching the history of your property. Cost is \$129 for National Trust Members, \$189 for non-members. For more information contact runnymede@nationaltrusttas.org.au or call 6278 1269. Book online at <https://bit.ly/2HhYPcK>

Longford Academy: Planning a Strong Future in New Hands

This year the Longford Academy will celebrate its tenth year of running hands-on building conservation courses at Woolmers and Brickendon Estates in Longford, Tasmania. In May 2019 the Autumn 'Practical Building Conservation' course will run again, with the Spring 'Specialist Masterclasses' planned for the first week in September 2019. Save the date also for David Young's 'Summer School in Building Conservation' similar to those he formerly ran at the University of Canberra from **9 -15 February 2020**. For more information access the [Longford Academy Course Guide](#) or contact [Greg Owen via email](#) or on (03) 5728 6694.

PRESENTATION: Belinda Bauer – It's all stuffed! The value of historical photographs in researching the taxidermy collection at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery

Tuesday 9 April 2019 | 5:00pm | Junior Medical Officer's Conference Room, Port Arthur Historic Site

The zoology collection at TMAG is one of the oldest in Australia, and remains the state repository for specimens that record Tasmanian wildlife and biodiversity. Using historical photographs of the museum's interior has proved a useful tool in reconstructing the backstory of many of our taxidermy animals. They reveal much about the development of natural history collections, changing attitudes towards animals and the sometimes surprising sources of our specimens. The stories uncovered challenge us to reconsider the significance of some of our most decrepit looking pieces. For more information call 6251 2324.

PRESENTATION: Maureen Martin Ferris, Louisa Anne Meredith

Sunday 14 April 2019 | 2:00pm | Meeting Room, QVMAG at Inveresk

Louisa Anne Meredith, a talented colonial writer and artist, arrived in Van Diemen's Land in 1840 with her husband Charles and baby son to settle on the East Coast with the Meredith family. Louisa developed a passion for the natural flora and fauna of her new home and produced paintings and sketches, and a series of illustrated books of poems and essays detailing colonial life. She had three more sons, but life was not as comfortable as she had hoped, although they moved in the best colonial society and were welcome at Government House. Louisa travelled to England in 1889 to supervise her last book. She died in Melbourne in 1895 at the age of 83. Presenter Maureen Martin Ferris is the Curator of the East Coast Heritage Museum at Swansea, the President of the Glamorgan Spring Bay Historical Society Inc. (GSBHS) and holds a Diploma of Museum Practice. With Malcolm Ward she was a co-author of *Houses and Estates of Old Glamorgan* published by the GSBHS in 2017. Everyone is welcome. Free for members; \$4 for visitors. Afternoon tea will be served. For more information contact www.launcestonhistory.org.au.

PRESENTATION: Launceston Library Lunchbox Lecture

Thursday 18 April 2019 | 1:10pm – 1:50pm | Phil Leonard Room, level 2, Launceston Library, Civic Square

Nigel Burch's presentation will be on Premier Tom Chapman, arguably the most important politician in the history of the State. Tom Chapman was president of the Anti-Transportation League and loathed by Lt-Governor Denison, but his extraordinary work ethic saw him dominate Tasmanian politics for 30 years. He served as Treasurer, Premier, Colonial Secretary and President of the Legislative Council.

WORKSHOP: Oral History

25 May 2019 | 10:00am – 4:45pm | Glenorchy Library, 4 Terry St, Glenorchy

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 Jill on 0418 178 098

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