

HERITAGE-NEWS: March 2021

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A Magnificent Place

The Tasmanian Heritage Register entry for east-coast property Cambria has been revised to better describe the history and significance of the place. For all the information click [here](#).

Rediscovering a Hidden Gem

As the next chapter in the history of a Hobart city corner takes shape, a footnote to its past is being rediscovered and restored. For the full story click [here](#).

Mapping Convict Landscapes

A new mapping project is demonstrating the extent of the impact the colony's convicts has had on Tasmania's landscape. The project has won an Asia-Pacific Spatial Excellence Award. For information on the project, click [here](#).

A Reconstructed Slaughter House

A small, rare part of Tasmania's bush heritage has been reconstructed thanks to an owner interested in history and heritage tourism. For the full story click [here](#).

Digitising Records at the Tasmanian Archive and Heritage Office

Each year, the Tasmanian Archive and Heritage Office places items online to help promote and preserve rare and special collections. These images and films are just a tiny sample of an amazing treasure trove of Tasmania's heritage. Digitising these records also provides us all with an opportunity to learn more about Tasmania's heritage or to contribute to family history. For information on recently digitised items click [here](#).

PRESENTATION: The Landscape Archaeology of Point Puer

13 April 2021 | 12:00pm | Port Arthur, 1830 Restaurant and Bar, Visitor Centre

Hidden within the bushy peninsula of Point Puer is a rich archaeological landscape that reveals a remarkable range of insights into the history of the site and the lives of the convict boys who were sent there. This presentation shares new research into the archaeological landscape of Point Puer and what the findings tell us about the experiences of the occupants and the ideology and colonial practices that created one of the world's first separate juvenile prisons in such an isolated location. Presenter Caitlin D'Gluyas is an historical archaeologist whose core interests are Australian archaeology, spatial history and the archaeology of children. She is currently a PhD candidate at the University of New England. Her research focuses on Point Puer as well as early nineteenth century juvenile

criminal management in colonial Australia and internationally. This event is free and attendance is by booking only. For bookings phone 1800 659 101 between 10am and 4pm or email: reservations@portarthur.org.au

PRESENTATION: Probation and Paradise: Reclaiming threatened convict probation system

Thursday, 1 April 2021 | 1:00pm | Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts, Ground Floor, 91 Murray Street, Hobart

In the 1840s there was a massive change in the way convicts were managed in Van Diemen's Land. Whilst alterations to the penal and labour management systems of the colony were not a new phenomenon, those which took place in the 1840s utterly changed the course and outcomes of a convict's sentence. The probation system, as it became known, irrevocably altered the administrative framework governing convict lives, these alterations inevitably affecting the incarcerative and labour landscapes built by and for the convicts. In this talk, Dr Richard Tuffin will use the historical and archaeological record to discuss the impact of this much-derided system upon the colonial landscape. It is a system that had ramifications at all scales of governance: from the administration of the stations themselves, to the course of criminal justice systems in the trans-Imperial world. Unique to Van Diemen's Land and Norfolk Island, probation and its finite landscapes arguably deserve the highest levels of recognition and protection we can muster. Without this, these precious landscapes are incredibly vulnerable to the very development that they had originally been founded to foster. To book your spot click [here](#).

PRESENTATION: The Kings Meadows Road Station

Sunday 18 April 2021 | 1:00pm – 2:00pm | Queen Victoria Museum, Inveresk, Launceston

The Kings Meadows Road Station was built by the Van Diemen's Land Government from August 1836 to house convicts building the Evandale to Launceston water scheme and Hobart Road. It was abandoned about 2½ years later. Its location since then has been a mystery despite a plan being prepared in 1838. The lecture will outline the hunt to rediscover its location and the archaeological dig that took place to uncover its secrets. John Dent is currently President of The West Tamar Historical Society and is a member of Launceston Historical Society, the Friends of The Launceston Mechanics' Institute and is on the committee of the Tasmanian Family History Society (Launceston). John will be joined by Darren Watton, an archaeologist with Southern Archaeology with extensive experience in all aspects of archaeological work and heritage management. Free event. Bookings are essential: launcestonhistory@gmail.com or phone Prue 6327 2540

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