

HERITAGE-NEWS: October 2016

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A Tale of Two Cottages

On historic Barrack Street in central Hobart, a road that's now often crammed with traffic, two tiny cottages have stood side by side for more than 150 years. With approvals from the Heritage Council, they are now being lovely restored. For the full story click [here](#).

Open House Hobart Program Out Now

Open House Hobart is returning for its fourth wonderful year of exposing people to some of Hobart's hidden (and not so hidden) gems. This year's program is part of the Australian Institute of Architects (Tasmania) broader Architecture and Design Month. For full details click [here](#).

Bank Celebrates 150 years

One of Launceston's most prominent corner buildings is celebrating its 150th year this month. The Bendigo Bank on the corner of St John and Paterson Streets began life as the Union Bank Building, with its official opening on 8 October 1866. For more information click [here](#).

Fresh Ideas for a Much-Loved House

The City of Hobart ("the City") is undertaking a nation-wide expression of interest (EOI) to identify project proponents to deliver an adaptive reuse project for Dorney House, on Porter Hill near Hobart. The EOI is open to the private, government and community sectors. While Dorney House has been used for occasional events such as performances, open homes and workshops, the site is mostly vacant and the City has a desire for the site to be better utilised. The location and setting are unique and could potentially support a range of community and commercial activities. Proposals must include activities for the house (Dorney House) and may also include the remnant fort (Fort Nelson). Proposals covering just the remnant fort will not be accepted. Proponents must be able to show that their project will be financially sustainable and the key individuals leading the project need to demonstrate strong business acumen. The business plan for any proposals therefore needs to be robust and realistic, and give the City confidence that the project will succeed. The EOI is open from 22 October 2016 through to 21 December 2016. The Expression of Interest Information Pack will be available on Tenderlink, and can be accessed via [Council's website](#). General enquires can be directed to the Project Manager (Tim Phillips, 0408 033 353, tim@resonance.com.au). Specific questions related to proposals must be made via the Tenderlink forum.

PRESENTATION: [Adaptive Reuse in Tasmania, by Heritage Tasmania](#)

Wednesday 23 November 2016 | 5:30pm – 6:30pm | Institute of Architects, 1/19a Hunter Street, Hobart

In support of the Institute of Architects Architecture and Design Month, Heritage Tasmania will present on the value of conserving and adapting heritage places to ensure they survive into the future. Heritage Tasmania staff will explore recent successful examples of adaptive reuse, and identify the key steps in the design and approvals process. The presentation will focus on the benefits and opportunities available to a property owner who has an interest in adapting historic heritage buildings to produce exciting spaces that blend the appeal of historic heritage features with the comfort of contemporary design.

PRESENTATION: [The City Park Fountain – Its origins uncovered, symbolism decoded, and significance established, by Dr Anne Neale](#)

Sunday 20 November 2016 | 2:00 | Meeting Room, QVMAG at Inveresk

The terracotta fountain now located, and somewhat neglected, in the 'Senses Garden' of City Park in Launceston, is of international significance. First erected near the conservatory in 1861, the fountain is remarkable for its origins and connections with Scotland and Ireland; with Classical and Christian symbolism; and with esoteric design theory and pragmatic industrial production. It is one of the oldest surviving public fountains in Australia, and a previously unknown work by a famous Scottish architect. Dr Anne Neale is a cultural historian and was Coordinator of History & Theory in the School of Architecture & Design at UTAS before her retirement. Her overlapping interests in 19th century architecture, gardens and art are fundamental in this work. Admission free. All welcome. For more information contact launcestonhistory@gmail.com

PRESENTATION: [New Zealand Convicts Transported to Van Diemen's Land 1843-1853, by Dr Kristyn Harman](#)

Thursday 3 November 2016 | 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm | Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts, 91 Murray Street Hobart

Between 1843 and 1853, more than 100 people residing in New Zealand were transported to Van Diemen's Land, some following trials in the nascent criminal courts and others as the result of court martial. This paper explores the prosecution and transportation of these civilians, soldiers and Maori. It traces their lives, examining their engagement within the convict system and eventual outcomes. The afterlives of some of the convicts intersect with bigger politico-historic questions in relation to New Zealand with, for example, some of the returning Maori advocating strongly, and successfully, against their homeland being gazetted as a convict colony. Dr Kristyn Harman is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Humanities at the University of Tasmania. She is the winner of the 2014 Australian Historical Association Kay Daniels Award for her book *Aboriginal Convicts*. Admission is free.

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