

HERITAGE-NEWS: October 2019

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Terrace Transformation

Remarkable things can happen when you are not looking to renovate a heritage-listed property, including multiple Master Builders Tasmania awards and the pride associated with being part of something "amazingly rewarding". Click [here](#) for the details behind this award winning renovation.

More Master Builders Tasmania Award Winners

The restoration of John Glover's House and the insertion of seven accommodation suites into Launceston's historic Ritchie Mill have also been rewarded at these recent awards. John Glover's house was in need of attention, and the vision to restore the house and recreate Glover's painting studio from two of Glover's own images was extraordinary. The judges citation notes that "from these fragments the builder has peeled back time to recreate the house and studio largely as they would have been when Glover lived there in the 1840s. The historical accuracy of the work undertaken and the attention to detail in that work are outstanding." For Stillwater, the judges commended the "innovative fire-proofing and building services solutions that integrate seamlessly with the heritage fabric" as well as workmanship of the "highest possible standard".

Building the Scottish Diaspora

Tasmanian Heritage Council member Dr Stuart King explores the architecture of early nineteenth century Scottish settlers to Tasmania in an [online article](#) in the European architectural history journal, *ABE Journal: Architecture Beyond Europe*. Other articles in the journal's special issue on the architecture of the Scottish diaspora from the late 18th through to the early 20th century (co-edited by Alex Bremner, Harriet Edquist and Stuart King) reflect on Scots moving, and building between, Scotland, Tasmania and Victoria. The issue and all articles can be freely accessed [here](#).

The Value of Free Education

Within the densely populated suburb of New Town is a reminder of the social philosophy of the interwar period during which the education of economically-disadvantaged children was seen as desirable for its potential to improve both the future prospects of the children and the quality of life for the whole community. The former Swanston Street Free Kindergarten, entered on the Tasmanian Heritage Register, was one of a number of such facilities across Tasmania. For a history of early childhood education in Tasmania click [here](#), and to read the Heritage Register entry for Swanston Street Free Kindergarten click [here](#).

Open House Hobart

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 November

Open House Hobart is nearly here for those wanting to go behind closed doors and take a closer look at Hobart's history and architecture. For full details click [here](#).

Sustainable Urbanism Road Show: Doing Density Well

Thursday 31 October 2019 | 5:30 pm | Australian Institute of Architects (TAS), [1/19a Hunter St, Hobart](#)

As Hobart deals with a property boom and unprecedented levels of population growth, how do we manage the expectation of new development while minimising its impacts on the environment? What are the considerations for managing new development in one of Australia's most historically significant cities? And how do we build new places that not only meet the need for additional housing but create socially sustainable and resilient communities? As part of Open House Hobart 2019, [Prince's Trust Australia](#), [Australian Institute of Architects \(TAS\)](#), [Heritage Tasmania](#) and the [International Network of Traditional Building Architecture and Urbanism](#) invite you to join us. Jennifer Nichols, Executive Director for the Australian Institute of Architects (TAS) will facilitate an evening of networking, presentations and a panel discussion exploring the importance of sustainable urbanism and place-making in 'Doing Density Well'.

PRESENTATION: The development and demise of Hobart's Beaumaris Zoo – an illustrated history

Tuesday 12 November 2019 | 8:00pm – 9:00pm | Legacy Meeting Rooms, 159 Macquarie Street, Hobart

The Hobart City Council established the Beaumaris Zoological Gardens on the Queen's Domain in 1923, having acquired Mary Grant Roberts' collection of birds and mammals. In this presentation, Brendan Lennard will describe the development of the proud new municipal enterprise. Drawing on many historical and recent photographs, the audience will be taken on a 'tour' of the corporation zoo, with anecdotes of the people and groups associated with the site, and some startling stories of its inhabitants. The presentation will conclude with an analysis of the factors that led to the zoo's demise after 14½ years – a 'perfect storm' of tragic events. In the 1930s people said "if the zoo closes now, we'll never see anything like it in Hobart again" – a prediction which has proven to be true. Part of Brendan's role as the Senior Cultural Heritage Officer of the City of Hobart involves community education and the interpretation of Hobart's cultural assets. He has been conducting tours of the old Beaumaris Zoo site for over 20 years and is currently preparing a long-overdue illustrated history of the zoo.

PRESENTATION: Writing the History of Deviot

Sunday 17 November 2019 | 2:00pm | Meeting Room, QVMAG at Inveresk

In 2002 Jill Cassidy and her late husband Mike moved to Deviot and Jill immediately became interested in the history of the area. When she found very little written history she decided to hold a conference to find more information. The conference was successful but was largely focused on the 20th century. Notwithstanding the wonders of Trove, discovering information about the nineteenth century proved to be more difficult than she imagined, but a series of

breakthroughs finally allowed her to write the first chapter of her book, *Deviot Talks*. Jill Cassidy worked for 20 years in the history department of the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery. On retirement she was made an Honorary Research Officer. She is President of Oral History Tasmania and Vice-President of Oral History Australia. All welcome. Launceston Historical Society members free, visitors \$4. Christmas afternoon tea included.

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