

HERITAGE-NEWS: September 2019

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Tasmanian Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Australia ICOMOS Burra Charter

The Burra Charter, the bedrock for heritage practice in Australia, turns 40 this year. In Tasmania, Australia ICOMOS is celebrating this milestone anniversary with a reception at the historic Hadleys Orient Hotel in Hobart on Tuesday 8 October 2019, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. You're invited you to come and be part of this cultural heritage celebration. For more information on the Burra Charter and the celebrations click [here](#).

A Fatal First Crushing

In 1878, Government Surveyor Charles Sprent's spruiking of beds of iron conglomerate something resembling the famous "brown face" of Mount Bishcoff in Tasmania's Mount Heemskirk region led to a rush to exploit the untapped potential of the region. For the full story click [here](#).

Uncovering Unexpected Connections

The Tasmanian Archive and Heritage Office (TAHO) has just finished celebrating Family History Month, which offered an opportunity to reflect on some of the unexpected connections to be found in Libraries Tasmania's archival and heritage collections. A recent TAHO blog post explores four 'rare books' that were not written here, not published here, not about Tasmania in any way, but which unfold extraordinary Tasmanian stories through the history of their ownership and use. From a 17th century Bible once held in royal hands, to a 19th century tanner's technical manual, here are some tales of the unexpected uncovered in the State Library of Tasmania. For the full story click [here](#).

Heritage Act Amendments Passed

This month saw the passing of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Bill 2019* through the Legislative Council. The amendments align with the Government's commitment to reduce red tape and maximise certainty under the planning system for property owners, developers and other stakeholders, and better integrates Tasmania's historic heritage and planning legislation. The amendments will also make the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995* more contemporary and further protect our unique historic heritage, while at the same time strengthening the governance arrangements of the Tasmanian Heritage Council. The amendments will be enacted following proclamation. An overview of the amendments is available on the Parliament of Tasmania website [here](#).

We're moving

Heritage Tasmania's Hobart office is making a temporary move and from Monday 7 October will be based at 59 Liverpool Street, Hobart, locally identified as the Vodafone building. Unlike Government services building, this office block is not openly accessible to the public. We suggest ringing in advance (6165 3700) to make an appointment or emailing your query to enquiries@heritage.tas.gov.au.

PRESENTATION: Convict(ed) women: then and now understanding successful desistance and reintegration

Thursday 3 October 2019 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm | Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts (Hobart Library), 91 Murray Street, Hobart

The number of women occupying Australian prisons and the length of time they spend there is increasing. Consequently, contemporary attitudes towards crime and the promotion of desistance and reintegration are immediate issues demanding attention. This presentation by Jess Smith offers an historical exploration of female incarceration by asking how Tasmania's penal past can inform contemporary offender policy and practice. Through a historical examination of punishment in Tasmania, illustrated by an analysis of the lives of three convict women, this research seeks to challenge and improve understandings of contemporary desistance and reintegration. Through a comparative analysis of 1800's convict women and 2000's female inmates, the study aims to better inform societal attitudes and intervention services today, whilst highlighting both the role of historical criminology and the necessity of community investment in offender policy. It is demonstrated that value and respect play a significant role in an ex-offender's journey, and that this is integral to understanding the dynamic process of desistance. Free event.

PRESENTATION: The house that William built: the story of Launceston's Government Cottage

Sunday 20 October 2019 | 2:00pm | Meeting Room, QVMAG at Inveresk

Launceston's Government Cottage once stood in what is now the south-eastern corner of City Park. Its origins go back as far as the early years of the European settlement of Port Dalrymple when William Paterson had it erected as his official residence. Although its primary function was to house the administrative elite, over time changes in the management of the colony, which saw the end of separate government of the north and a centralisation of power in the south of the island, caused a marginalisation of its role. The failure to keep the building in good repair led both to its later inability to fulfil its main purpose and its final demise in 1885. This lecture will reveal some interesting aspects of the history of the house and its value as both building and symbol. Presenter Lynette Ross has worked in the fields of history and archaeology since the late 1980s. Her career includes positions at UTAS, at Port Arthur Historic Site as Heritage Officer and working as a private contractor. In the late 1990s she was engaged by the Launceston City Council to compile documentary resources and a history of Government Cottage. This work is now being revised and readied for publication. Lynette is currently a member of the Royal Society of Tasmania, the Launceston Historical Society and the Friends of QVMAG. All welcome. Free for Launceston Historical Society members, \$4 for visitors. Afternoon tea will be served.

PRESENTATION: Sustainable Urbanism Roadshow

**Thursday 31 October 2019 | 5.30pm - 7.30pm | Australian Institute of Architects (TAS)
1/19A Hunter Street, Hobart**

Save the date. Join the Prince's Trust Australia and guest speakers as they explore the theme of Doing Density Well. More details in next month's email bulletin. For information on the Prince's Trust Australia and their Sustainable Urbanism Roadshow click [here](#).

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