

HERITAGE-NEWS: April 2018

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Botanical Gardens' Celebrations Continue



The new lily pad decks at the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens provided the perfect location for His Royal Highness, The Earl of Wessex, The Prince Edward, to unveil the Garden's bicentenary commemorative plaque. The Lily Pond is one of the most photographed areas in the Gardens, as well as a popular location for weddings and community events. Few however, may know that this charming pond began life in 1848 as a simple reservoir to collect rainfall runoff from the Domain to irrigate the Garden. Over time, the functional reservoir was transformed into an ornamental feature that engaged the senses and allowed visitors to become immersed in the tranquility and beauty of the created landscape. The new lily pad decks designed by Edwina Hughes of Inspiring Place Pty Ltd, provide an opportunity to experience the lily pond in a new way. It's a perfect reason to revisit the Gardens. For more information on the history of the Gardens, visit the [Garden's website](#).

May is Heritage Festival Month

Tasmania's heritage places, museums and historical groups are sharing their stories throughout the month of May as part of the National Trust's 2018 Tasmanian Heritage Festival. For an overview of the Festival and links through to the program, click [here](#).

Uncovering Convict History at Kerry Lodge

A third season of archaeological excavations at the site of the Kerry Lodge Probation Station has revealed more information on the convicts who lived and worked at the site. For the full story click [here](#).

Explore Penguin's Heritage Trail

The town of Penguin has created an interactive website allowing visitors to explore the many heritage sites throughout the town. Created specifically to promote Penguin's tourism, the heritage trail allows visitors an opportunity to plan their visit, and learn more about the history of each site. The trail focuses on places entered in the Tasmanian Heritage Register, and provides images along with the public information from the Heritage Register. *Our little town is a treasure-trove of history and mystery and well worth the stroll. Every nook and cranny hides its story, yet we have stories galore. And where will our stories take you?* To explore visit the [Penguin Heritage Trail website](#).

My Culture, My Story, My Hydro

"One beautiful thing happened... our children grew up in a Hydro village – they learned to speak six languages," recalled Ilse Dittmann, who migrated to Tasmania from Hamburg in 1953 with her husband and two children. Hydro Tasmania is hosting an exhibit that shares stories of people who moved from Europe in the 1940s and 50s to Tasmania to work for Hydro Tasmania, with a focus on the culture, art, food and music that they brought with them and subsequently helped shaped Tasmania. The exhibit is free and open to the public in Hobart at Hydro Tasmania, in Launceston at the LINC, and then moving to Waddamana Power Station. For more information visit [Hydro Tasmania's website](#).

Longford Academy

7-12 May 2018 | Woolmers Estate

The 'Longford Academy' is a six day program in the conservation of traditional structures and building fabric, held at Woolmers and Brickendon Estates, Longford, Tasmania. In its ninth year, this year's program includes one-day workshops on Lime and Mortars on 9 May, and Roofing and Metalwork on 12 May, which are open for one-day registrations. For more information, click on the following links: [APT LA9 Notice](#); [LA9 Registration notice](#); [Workshop 9 May](#); [Workshop 12 May](#)

PRESENTATION: The Celebrated Peddle Chair

Sunday 20 May 2018 | 2:00 | Meeting Room, QVMAG at Inveresk

The Peddle chair touched the lives of many Tasmanians. George Peddle and his brother-in-law, Harry Hearn brought the traditional craft of Windsor-chair making to the colony of Tasmania at the end of the 19th century. The Peddle chair was made first at Austin's Ferry then Launceston and later at Nabowla in the north east. The Tasmanian Government Railways had Peddle chairs in their waiting rooms; they were in schools, public buildings, and commercial offices. Most importantly they were at the heart of family life, set around the kitchen table in Tasmanian homes and farmhouses. Denis Lake, the author of *The men who made the Celebrated Chairs: Windsor-chair making in Tasmania*, invites you to share the Peddle chair story. Bring a Peddle chair, a photo or a personal story, if you have one. Mr Lake's love of the social history of furniture led him on a twenty-year quest to uncover the story of how George and Harry fared in this settler society and the role the chairs played in Tasmanian life. He will demonstrate how to identify a genuine Peddle chair and determine which of the two men made it. *A Tasmanian Heritage Festival event.* All welcome. Free for Launceston Historical Society members. \$4 for visitors. Afternoon tea will be served.

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