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MEETINGS AUGUST TO DECEMBER

12 August **ELDERSHAW LECTURE at Hobart Town Hall**

Peter Stanley

Honest History: Desirable? Necessary? Possible?

9 September

Alison Alexander

Maria and Edward Lord and Hobart's Rambunctious Early Years

14 October

Scott Carlin

House Museums as Public History

11 November

John Short

Travelling Back into the History of the Bank Arcade Site in Hobart's Liverpool Street

9 December

Christine Leppard

Sex Sells: The Anachronism of Colonial Prostitution

ELDERSHAW LECTURE 2014

This year the Eldershaw Lecture will be given by Peter Stanley, who is a Professor of History at the Australian Defence Force Academy, University of New South Wales. Professor Stanley is a prolific historian, who has written 24 books, mostly on military history. In 2011 his book *Bad Characters: Sex, Crime, Mutiny, Murder and the Australian Imperial Force* was jointly awarded the Prime Minister's Prize for Australian History. He is President of Honest History, a coalition of historians and others supporting the balanced and honest presentation and use of Australian history. See the website at <http://www.honesthistory.net.au/>.

FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

We have received the following news from the Federation:

The Australian Heritage Strategy draft published

A very pleasing development has been the publication of the draft Australian Heritage Strategy by the Department of Environment. The Federation has been advocating such a strategy for many years. The previous government made a start but did not finalise it. You are urged to have a look at the document since there are commitments in it which relate to community groups, including historical societies. The Federation has made a submission and eventually this will be published on our website at <http://www.history.org.au>. The Heritage Strategy document can be read at: <http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/australian-heritage-strategy/getting-involved>. The programs below are two of the commitments in the Strategy in which historical societies might wish to become involved.

Cultural heritage protection and conservation guidelines

The formation of a Green Army is promoted as a hands-on, practical, grassroots environmental action program that supports local environment and heritage conservation projects across Australia. The program provides opportunities for young Australians aged 17-24 years to gain training and experience in environmental and heritage conservation fields and explore careers in conservation management, while participating in projects that generate real benefits for the environment. It is envisaged that community groups (sponsors) will make applications for local projects and play an important role in monitoring project progress. For more information Google 'Green Army'. If you are thinking of making an application the Federation's *Cultural Landscapes Training Manual: a Guide for Historical Societies* which was developed by Robyn Ballinger in 2012 could well be of assistance. It can be accessed at <http://www.history.org.au>.

EXCURSION TO RUNNYMEDE 21 SEPTEMBER 2014

Runnymede is a magnificent National Trust property in New Town, well worth visiting. Even if you have been before, you will find there have been new purchases and developments to seize your interest. We have organised a tour of Runnymede with the curator, Gemma Webberley, followed by a silver-service High Tea in the drawing room.

Place: Runnymede, 61 Bay Road, New Town

Time: 2 pm until about 4.30 pm

Cost: \$25 per person to be paid on the day

Please contact Alison Alexander if you would like to attend: Alison.Alexander@utas.edu.au

PORT ARTHUR EXCURSION 22 NOVEMBER 2014

We are seeking expressions of interest in an Illustrated talk/power point presentation on the early botanical history and development of the Port Arthur site, with the Heritage Horticulturist, including a 1833 plan of Port Arthur by J.H Hughes. This will be followed by a conducted tour with our leader, showing many points of note from the presentation. Morning tea and lunch will be provided, but there is a cost for room use and lunch. No site entrance fee will be charged.

This will be followed with a trip to the Coalmines site, managed by Port Arthur for a tour with historical notes and future restoration plans for the site.

The date for the event is Saturday 22 November 2014.

Further notes will be sent in due course when a final costing is done. We need 30 persons to make the excursion viable, so please contact us as soon as possible.

Please send expressions of interest to Anne Thwaites and Ken Wright at m.anne.thwaites@gmail.com or phone 62279363.