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### MEETINGS MAY TO AUGUST 2015

#### 12 May

Penny Edmonds

Tasmanian Tourist Motifs and Dark Pasts: Violet Mace and the Proclamation Cup

#### 9 June

John Honey

A Tasmanian Life

#### 14 July Eldershaw [To be held in the Dechaineux Theatre, Tasmanian School of Art, Hunter Street]

Jacqueline Kent

The Pleasures and Perils of Writing Biography

#### 11 August

Don Ransom

The 1829 Mission of George Augustus Robinson and the Other Side of the Frontier

### TWO NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I am sure that all members will welcome two new members to the THRA Committee. Leonie Mickleborough has had a long association with family history research and is interested in convicts. Brian Rieusset is best known for his links with the Penitentiary Chapel and has diverse research interests. We are sure that they will strengthen the Committee and make a notable contribution to THRA.

### VALE NIGEL HEYWARD AND BERT SHEPHERD

The THRA Committee notes with sadness the death of two notable members. Nigel Heyward was a founding member of THRA in 1951. Bert Shepherd became a member in 1991, served on the THRA Committee from 1996 to 1998 and was Secretary in 1999 and 2000. Bert was an enthusiastic participant in THRA excursions. We want to record our appreciation of Nigel and Bert's diverse contributions to THRA.

### THRA M D McRAE MEMORIAL PRIZE 2014

The winner of the M. D. McRae Memorial prize for 2014 for the best student in Australian History at the University of Tasmania was Sylvia Reddington.

### NEW MEMBERS

Julie Kapeller of Lenah Valley

Sandra Bowdler of Crawley, WA

Barry Russell and Trish Lewis of Rose Bay, Tas

Daniel Geng of New Town

Mrs M.E. Ball of Ouse

## NEW INDEX TO PAPERS AND PROCEEDINGS

We have now published the fourth Index to Papers and Proceedings, covering Volumes 51 to 60 (2004 to 2013). This is available at a cost of \$25 plus postage, as below. We still have the first three indexes available as well, also priced at \$25 plus postage. We can offer a package deal for all four indexes at \$80 plus postage. Copies can be posted or ordered to be collected at our monthly meeting.

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## EXCURSION TO NEW NORFOLK

A busload of members and friends had a very enjoyable excursion organised by Margie Mason-Cox. We followed the footsteps of Elizabeth Fenton as she left Hobart in 1829, and went to New Norfolk and on to Plenty and Fenton Forest, with Margie reading from her diary as we travelled the same road. We then inspected three properties connected with the Fentons, particularly Fenton Forest. This was a very interesting day (in perfect weather). Thanks very much to Margie for all her organisational work.

## EXCURSION TO CORNELIAN BAY CEMETERY 31 MAY 2015

There will be an excursion to Cornelian Bay Cemetery with a talk and tour by Andrea Gerrard on Sunday 31 May. Meet at the main gates to the cemetery at 1.30pm. It's estimated about 40 Diggers lay unnamed and unhonoured in Hobart's Cornelian Bay Cemetery and Andrea has been working hard to identify these men and provide headstones to mark their final resting place.