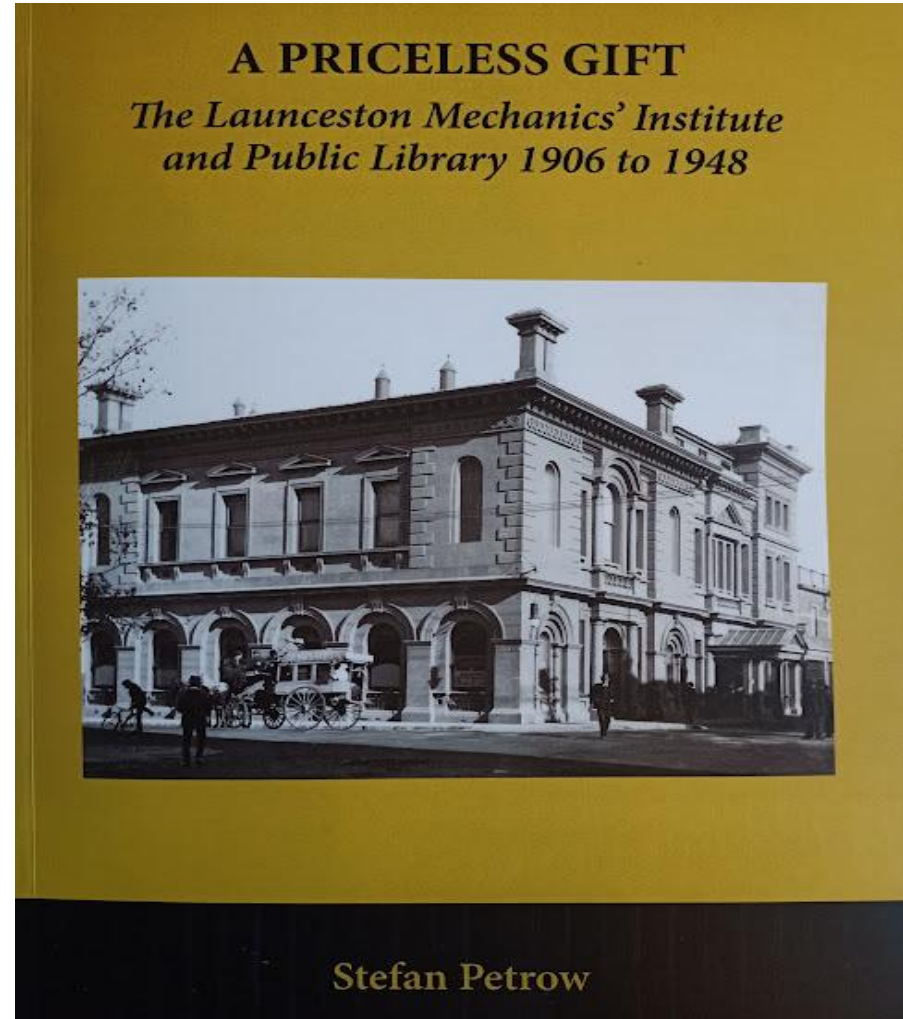


**THRA MEETING 11 JUNE 2024**

**MAKING LIBRARIES FREE FOR ALL: THE  
CASE OF LAUNCESTON 1929-1945**

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# A PRICELESS GIFT: THE LAUNCESTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE AND PUBLIC LIBRARY 1906 TO 1948

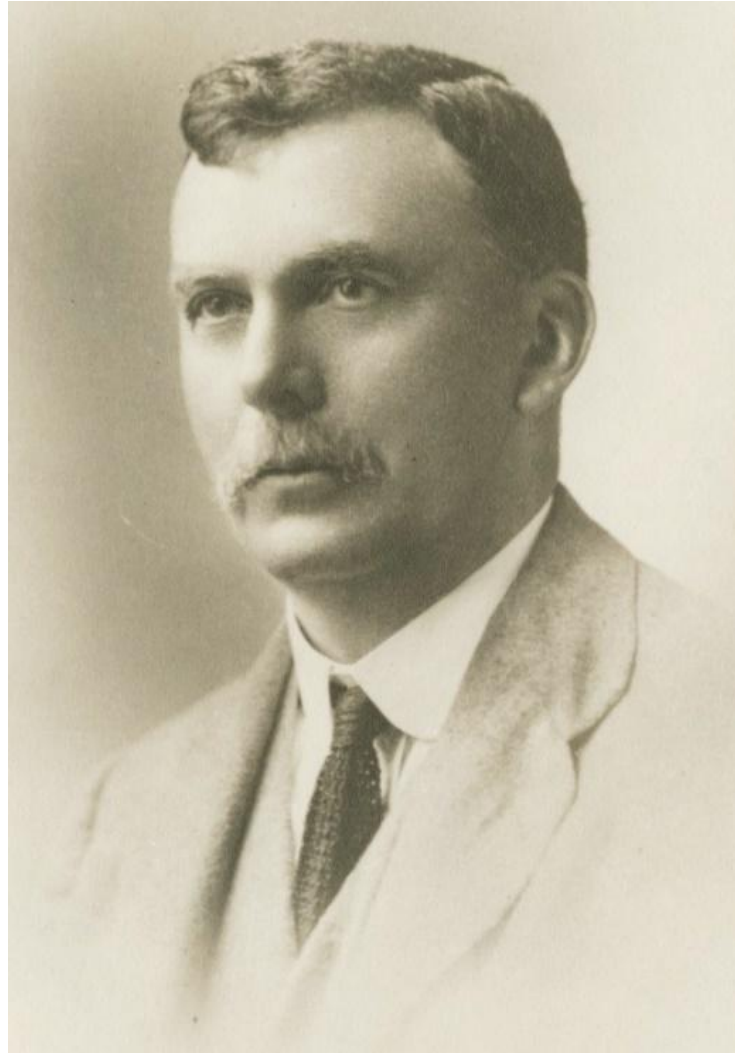


# RURAL LIBRARIES IN TASMANIA C.

1910

Library.	Amount Contributed by the Government.			Amount Contributed by Municipal Authority.			Total Library Expenditure.			Books Issued.	Cost of Each Book Issue in Pence.	
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		To Govt.	To Library.
1 Adventure B.	1	6	7	—	—	—	4	13	5	150	2.1	7.40
2 Bellerive ..	16	2	8	—	—	—	127	11	2	9000	.43	3.42
3 Bothwell ..	3	6	7	—	—	—	21	18	5	1791	.45	2.88
4 Bushy Park	10	6	3	—	—	—	38	11	3	1375	1.80	6.73
5 Campbell Tn.	12	0	0	5	0	0	188	0	0	?	.68	7.73
6 Deloraine ..	12	6	3	—	—	—	63	11	6	2009	1.46	7.60
7 Devonport ..	25	0	0	104	0	0	485	9	1	36,500	.16	3.19
8 Evandale ..	—	—	—	10	0	0	13	0	0	50	—	62.40
9 Franklin ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	?	—	—	?	—	—
10 Geeveston ..	11	6	3	—	—	—	33	13	5	5500	.49	1.46
11 Green Ponds	—	—	—	—	—	—	?	—	—	?	—	—
12 Longford ..	9	12	11	15	0	0	73	15	2	2100	1.10	8.62
13 New Norfolk	9	6	3	43	7	11	102	9	3	4284	1.92	5.74
14 Penguin ..	—	—	—	2	2	0	?	—	—	850	—	—
15 Queenstown	25	0	0	40	0	0	253	13	4	23,480	.26	2.59
16 Richmond ..	3	19	10	—	—	—	16	14	2	250	3.83	16.04
17 Ringarooma	Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	?	—	—	?	—	—
18 Rosebery ..	—	—	—	<i>Library Closed</i>								
19 Scottsdale ..	—	—	—	<i>Library Closed</i>								
20 Stanley ..	5	6	5	—	—	—	21	5	2	4500	.28	1.13
21 Swansea ..	18	12	7	—	—	—	71	5	8	6500	.69	2.78
22 Waddamana	1	13	3	—	—	—	12	19	11	323	1.24	9.65
23 Woodbridge	—	—	—	<i>Library Closed</i>								
24 Wynyard ..	Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	?	—	—	?	—	—
25 Oatlands ..	Not stated	—	—	10	1	3	?	—	—	2405	—	—
26 Waratah ..	3	6	6	2	2	0.	17	4	6	?	—	—
27 Burnie ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	?	—	—	?	—	—

# DR GUSTAVE HEUZE HOGG



# JOSEPH REGINALD FORWARD



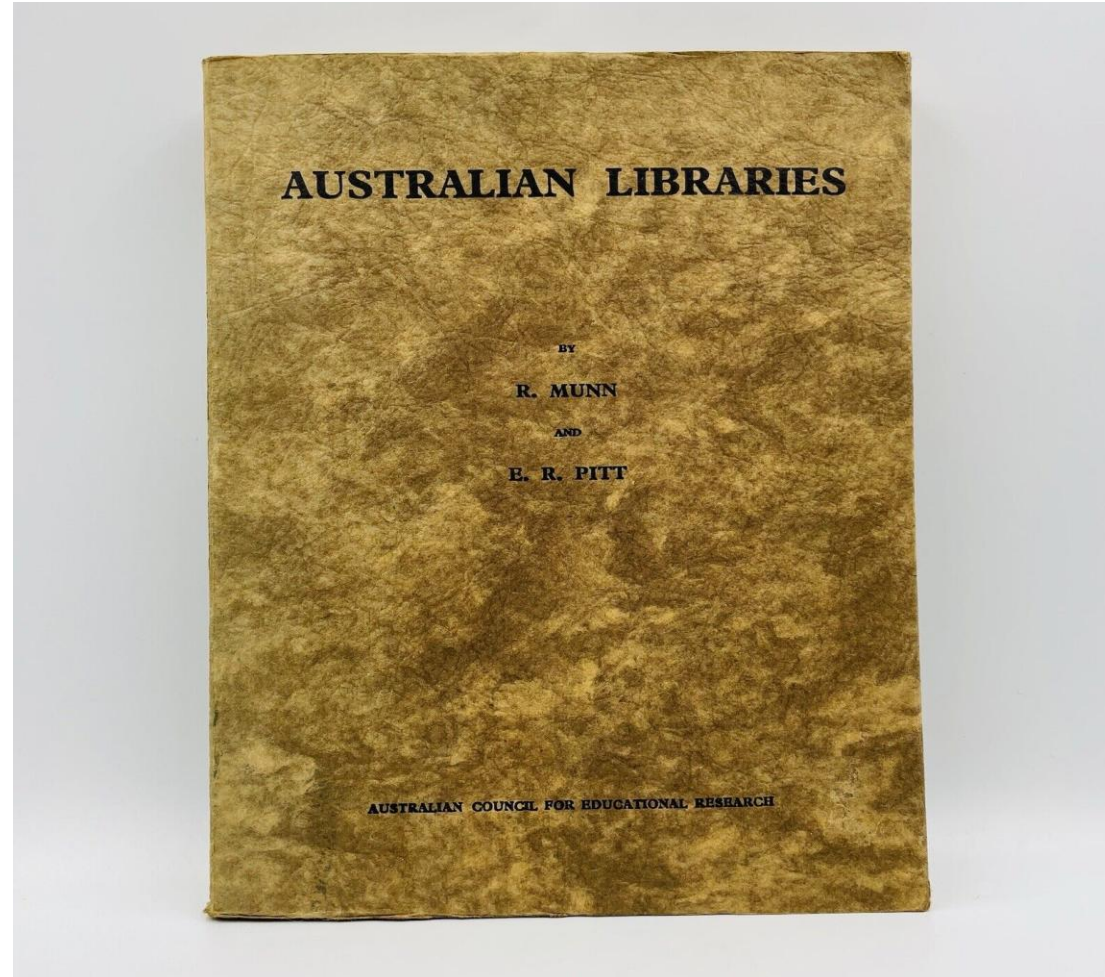
# FLORENCE GRIEVE'S 1931 LETTER TO HOGG, PAGE 1

P.S. I do not propose to have my  
idea of a free library,  
just mean to let bookish  
people like myself have  
free books & a comfortable  
free reading room for this  
coming winter.

Poli 997  
38 Elizabeth St  
Lth  
Wednesday Evening

My dear Dr. Hogg  
May I have an interview with  
you as President of the Public Library  
at 7.15 or 7.30 on Friday evening  
or any time on Friday evening to discuss your appointment  
I shall only want about 20 minutes  
but quite enough to have the few matters needing  
your advice all in order, not to  
take up your time I think a short  
interview is better than a letter -  
I do not know this telephone number but  
the householder's name is Peters,  
I have a room here, but it is a  
boarding house I believe - I have  
been waiting to take a house or  
rooms but I hope now to do something  
useful & have decided on a Reading  
Room for the winter  
Yours sincerely  
Florence Grieve

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# ESMONDE HIGGINS





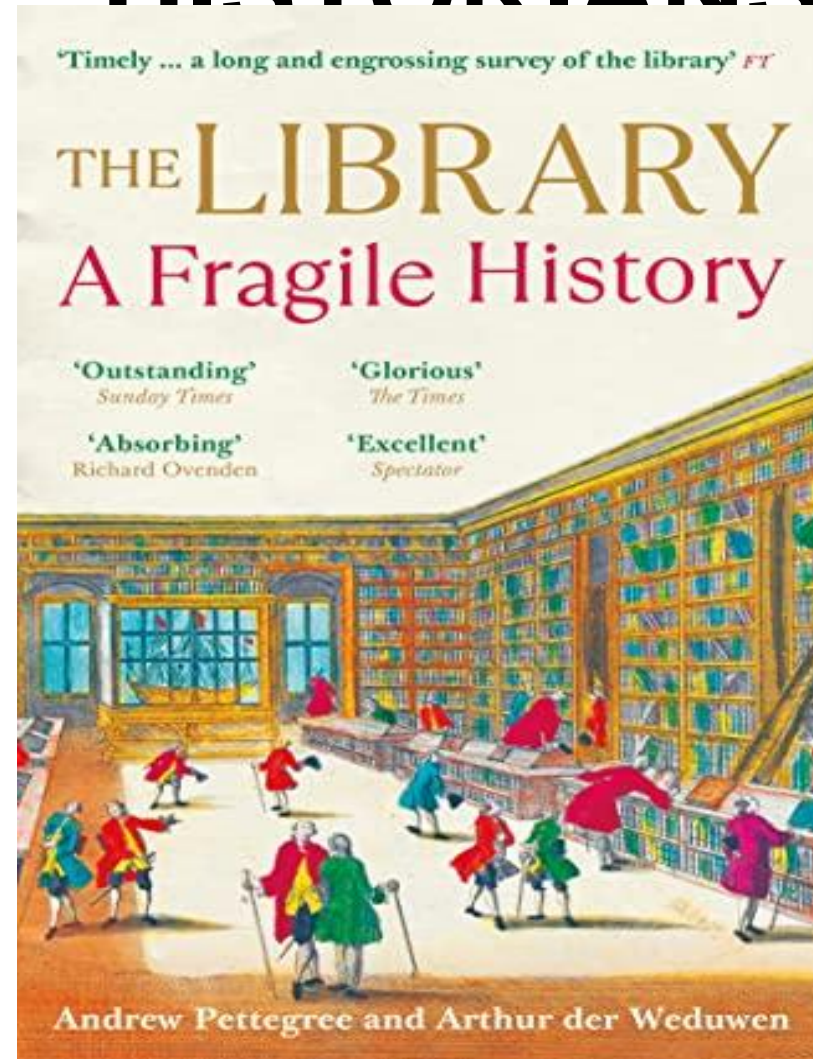
# CHARLES LAMP



# LPL MEMBERS' READING ROOM



# ANDREW PETTEGREE AND ARTHUR DER WEDUWEN LIBRARY HISTORIANS



# PREMIER ROBERT COSGROVE



# KENNETH BINNS



# SIR JOHN MORRIS, CHIEF JUSTICE



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