

# TASMANIAN HISTORICAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 117

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### CALENDAR FOR 2023

9 May	<b>Alan Townsend</b> Wallpaper and Murder: luxury goods in nineteenth-century Tasmania and the demise of a paperhanger
13 June	<b>Eric Ratcliff</b> Tasmanian Life
11 July	<b>Anne Green</b> Pest threats to Tasmania
8 August	<b>Alison Alexander</b> 'How they contrive to live, is a mystery': the problems of early settlement
12 September	<b>Kate Warner</b> My pathway to the pathway to the Truth-Telling and Treaty project
10 October	<b>Ian Terry</b> Following George: landscape, colonisation and memory
14 November	<b>Martin Stone</b> Forensic Wellingtology
12 December	<b>Eldershaw Lecture Gaye Sculthorpe</b> Topic to be announced

### NEW MEMBERS

Doug Chipman of Lindisfarne  
Tom & Pauline Dorey of Sandy Bay  
Anne Killalea of West Hobart  
Mark McRae of Yass, NSW  
Phil Page of Richmond, Tasmania  
Allison Peters of Dickson, ACT  
Charlotte Solomon of Penguin  
Sue & Phil Wallbank of South Hobart  
Pat Sabine of Rokeby

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to two THRA Committee members for their well-deserved induction onto the *Tasmanian Honour Roll of Women*. **Alison Alexander**'s citation was for services to cultural heritage and literature, and **Ros Escott** for her service to volunteering and health.

## TOUR OF NORTH BRUNY ISLAND

On 26 March, 2023, a mini bus of THRA members toured North Bruny Island, with six stops at sites of historical interest. Members were horrified by the renovations at one historical residence, but a highlight was seeing the careful restoration of James Kelly's Waterview property. The Bruny Island CWA kept us sustained with a delicious morning tea and lunch. The committee and participants thank the Bruny Island Historical Society's Kathy Duncombe and Suzanne Smythe for organising the day and leading us around the island.

This tour will run again later in the year.

## TOUR OF THE BANK ARCADE, SUNDAY 23 APRIL

Following the success of his talk in March about William Collins, John Short will conduct three tours of the Bank Arcade in Hobart on Sunday 23 April at 11am, 12:30pm and 2pm. The tour will involve some steep steps, so participants will need to have good mobility.

Each tour will be limited to fifteen people so get in quick. Contact Ian Terry for more information: [iterry@inet.net.au](mailto:iterry@inet.net.au).

## ARTICLES FOR PAPERS AND PROCEEDINGS: MUSIC IN TASMANIA

This year is the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra. In the interval of the celebratory concert, a friend told me she learnt music from legendary pianist Eileen Joyce, who would greet students after school, at about four o'clock, with a cigarette hanging out of her mouth and a glass of red on the piano. There must be more memories like this!

The December 2023 issue of *THRAPP* will have the theme of music. Can you remember playing in any musical ensemble, listening to music, learning music? Would you like to write a piece about a Tasmanian musician? Were you the person in the audience on Saturday who had also attended the first TSO concert in 1948? Anything about music is welcome for this issue – by September please.

Any queries, please contact me on [Alison.Alexander@utas.edu.au](mailto:Alison.Alexander@utas.edu.au)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TRANSPORTED FOR LIFE, A LOTTERY?

The *Female Convicts Research Centre*, in partnership with the *School of Humanities, University of Tasmania*, are hosting a research seminar and live-streamed webinar.

**Sunday 7 May 2023, 9am – 3pm.**

Program and registration details available at [www.femaleconvicts.org.au](http://www.femaleconvicts.org.au)

### LILIAN WATSON FAMILY HISTORY AWARD 2023

This award is for a book produced or published on paper, dealing with a family or biographical history and having significant Tasmanian content. Historical fiction is not eligible.

Prize is currently \$200 plus one year's membership of the *Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.*

**Entries close 1 December 2023**

Further information and entry forms are available from TFHS Inc. Branch Libraries or [www.tasfhs.org](http://www.tasfhs.org) or The Secretary, PO Box 326, ROSNY PARK, TAS 7018 or email: [secretary@tasfhs.org](mailto:secretary@tasfhs.org)