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CALENDAR FOR 2023

12 September	Ian Terry Uninnocent Landscapes: following George Augustus Robinson's Big River Mission
10 October	Martin Stone Forensic Wellingtology
14 November	Kate Warner My pathway to the pathway to the Truth-Telling and Treaty project
12 December	Eldershaw Lecture Gaye Sculthorpe Topic to be announced

NEW MEMBERS

Catherine Ashlin of Blackmans Bay	Ron Radford of South Hobart
Stuart & Rosie Barry of South Hobart	Beverley Rickertt of Landsborough, QLD
Kirsten Brett of Carlton	Mark Rowland of Bonython, ACT
Douglas Cooper of Tolmans Hill	John Stephenson of Chigwell
Anne & Timothy Gott of Devonport	Alex Tassell of Lenah Valley
Anita Gowers of Dynyrnne	Rose & Russell Wade of Sandy Bay
Amanda Harper of Lauderdale	Carol Westmore of Launceston
Peter Hughes of West Hobart	Helen White of Sorell
Carolyn Irving of Geeveston	Brad Williams of Kempton
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CATHEDRALS OF HOBART TOUR

The recent THRA Cathedrals Excursion was enlightening and fascinating. We started at St Mary's with an excellent talk by Heritage Officer Brian Andrews, well illustrated with a PowerPoint. He covered not only the history of the Cathedral building, its demolition and rebuilding, but also the many connections to Augustus Pugin. His talk was followed by the chance to explore the cathedral.

The group then relocated to St David's Cathedral where we were regaled by the exuberant Very Rev. Richard Humphrey. His talk on the history of the cathedral was interspersed with questions for us, such as why is the stone in the older section pock-pitted and the newer section smooth? (Answer at the end of this newsletter). We then had a lesson on how to identify the various identities in the stained-glass windows using iconography, including why Moses and his brother Aaron are often depicted with horns. This was followed by a tour of the cathedral. As always, it was a worthwhile excursion; we all learnt something and some of us learnt a lot. Alison's advice to wear warm clothing was necessary and heeded by all.

UPCOMING: NORTH BRUNY ISLAND EXCURSION – REPEAT

The North Bruny Island excursion held earlier in the year was such a success that we'll be holding a repeat on **Sunday 15 October**. Our hosts are the Bruny Island Historical Society.

Itinerary: Leave Hobart in the bus at 8:30am, and on Bruny visit the Quarantine Station, Dennes Point, Woodlands, Murrayfield, Waterview and possibly Lennoxville. Morning tea and lunch provided by the CWA. Return to Hobart at about 5:30pm. **Cost \$75 per person includes bus fare, morning tea and lunch.**

If you would like to attend, please contact **Ros Escott** by email at escottros@esco.au to confirm your place and receive payment instructions.

UPCOMING: EXCURSION TO TASMAN BAY

To mark the 381st anniversary of the Abel Tasman expedition planting its flag on Tasmanian soil, and the centenary of the Royal Society of Tasmania erecting a monument at the site, THRA and the Royal Society is holding a joint excursion for members on **3 December 2023**.

The excursion will start at the Bangor Shed, just south of Dunalley, at **10am**. After morning tea and a brief introduction, we will take a bus through Bangor to the start of the track, arriving there at 11:30am. A hilly walk of around 15-20 minutes will take us to Tasman Bay and the Tasman Monument where participants can have lunch (BYO).

For the more energetic there will be an option for a 45–60 minute return walk to North Bay where Tasman and later Marion du Fresne (in 1772) anchored their vessels. Du Fresne's party had the first encounter between Europeans and Tasmanian Aborigines at North Bay, an encounter which ended in the killing of at least one Aboriginal man. Participants will return to the bus by 2pm and then to their cars at the Bangor Shed at around 3pm. The Shed offers wine-tastings for those who would like to indulge! THRA member Tom Dunbabin farmed Bangor for many years and will provide commentary during the tour.

The cost of this excursion will be **\$30 which includes morning tea and bus transport** between the Bangor Shed and the start of the walk to the monument.

To book, contact **Ian Terry** by email at iterry@iinet.net.au or by phone on 0498 635 064.

DIGITISATION OF PAPERS AND PROCEEDINGS

Over the last month, members of the THRA committee have been excited to get their hands on the newly digitised *Papers and Proceedings* volumes 1–69 to test before they get released to all members.

Soon everyone will have the opportunity to read about the squabble that broke out about the location of the Royal Society's marker of the Tasman landing (13(2), 1966) or find out what cost to print *P&P* was included in Parliament estimates and when.

Only members will be able to access the fully digitised and searchable *P&P*, so sign up your friends!

MEMBERS' NIGHT – 2024 PROGRAM

The committee is currently putting together the 2024 program and would like to know if there is interest in reviving the tradition of the Members' Night: a panel of several short talks given by THRA members. If you have a 10–15 minute talk you think would be interesting for the audience, contact **Malcolm Ward** by email at malcolm.ward@utas.edu.au.

NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

August is National Family History Month, and Libraries Tasmania is offering a packed program of in person talks and webinars, including some familiar faces from THRA! Find the full program at the Libraries Tasmania website.

TASMANIA'S MUSICAL HISTORY, P&P ISSUE 3 THIS YEAR

Could people writing papers for this issue please send them to the editor by mid-September?

Answer: They ran out of money and could not afford to plaster the walls, as in St Mary's Cathedral. By the time the newer section was built, the stone walls were appreciated and left as they were.