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## NEWSLETTER NO. 119

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## MEETING CALENDAR 2024

13 February	<b>Henry Reynolds</b> 'We're all in this together': Truth-telling and Tasmanian historiography
12 March	<b>Lucy Frost</b> 'Pariahs of the Orphan School': the effects of stigma
9 April	<b>Clare McShane</b> A Tasmanian Life
14 May	<b>Eldershaw Memorial Lecture: Grace Karskens</b> Naming Country again: place names, mapping and Aboriginal cultural renewal on Australia's southeast coast
11 June	<b>Stefan Petrow</b> 'Making libraries free for all': the case of Launceston 1929-1945
9 July	<b>Richard Tuffin</b> Mapping Hobart's development
13 August	<b>Anita Hansen</b> Keeping Identity: the loss of Tasmania's identity after Federation
10 September	<b>Zoe Rimmer</b> Repatriation of Aboriginal cultural material
8 October	<b>Brad Williams</b> Archaeology of the Picton Road Station
12 November	<b>Michael Stoddart</b> Antarctic history
10 December	<b>Members' Night</b>

### NEW and RETURNING MEMBERS

Lisa Amerikanos of Kings Meadows  
Isobel Andrewartha of South Hobart  
Richard & Lyn Barry of Bellerive  
Lauren Black of Ridgeway  
Adrian Bol of South Hobart  
Robert Bown of New Town  
Hugh & Juliet Burton of Lenah Valley  
Jane Burton of Elwood (Vic)  
Eleanor Cave of Mt Nelson

David Chambers & Karyn Westell of Lindisfarne  
Annaliese Claydon of South Hobart  
Paul County of South Hobart  
Robert Cripps of Sandford  
Linda Forbes of Lindisfarne  
Noel Frankham of Dulcot  
Nicholas Heyward of Hobart  
Kate Jenkins of North Hobart  
Amanda & Michael Johnson of New Town

Bernard Lloyd of Connellys Marsh  
Maritime Museum of Tasmania  
Christopher McDermott of Collingwood (Vic)  
Allison Mitchell of Dynyrnne  
Graeme Oddie of New Town  
Alison O'Brien of Moonah  
Elizabeth Ruthven of Otago Bay

Caitlin Sutton of Hobart  
Skye Targett of South Hobart  
Andrew Walsh of Blackman's Bay  
Virginia Watson of Mount Stuart  
Darren Watton of Perth (Tas)  
John & Angela Wiseman of Mount Eliza (Vic)

## EXCURSION TO THE ABEL TASMAN MONUMENT

On **Sunday 3 December**, about 40 members of **THRA and the Royal Society of Tasmania (RST)** combined to explore some normally inaccessible parts of the **Bangor** property at Dunalley. Tom and Matt Dunbabin were fantastic hosts for the day, along with Don the coach driver who took a large coach along some narrow dirt roads without hesitation.

We started with scones and coffee, before setting off with Tom telling us about the history of the land and points of geological and zoological interest. Our primary goal was to see the **Tasman Monument**, set in place by the RST on 3 December 1923 to mark 'about' where Tasman landed in 1642. After lunch near the monument, those who felt sturdy of foot set off on a five-kilometre march through the bush to see the beach where Du Fresne's party made contact with the Paredererme people, a story that ended in tragedy when at least one palawa man was killed. It was an enlightening day, and one we won't forget.

## THRA DE-REGISTERS FROM GST SYSTEM

As from 1 January 2024, THRA will no longer be registered for **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**. Non-profit organisations such as ourselves are exempt from being required to be registered for GST if their annual revenue is less than \$150,000 annually. We are well short of this threshold, and so are eligible to withdraw from the GST system. This means that we will no longer be required to forward 10% of our receipts, including subscriptions, to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Most members will see no difference. Subscriptions will remain unchanged. Although we will no longer have to pay the 10% GST to the ATO, we also will no longer be receiving GST credits on the goods and services that we purchase. Accordingly, broadly there will be no financial impact on THRA's financial position. However, there will be a significant reduction in the workload of the Treasurer in not having to process GST on all our transactions.

Our invoices will no longer be 'tax invoices'. For members and other customers who are registered for GST, this means that input tax credits on their purchases from us will no longer be available. For members who are able claim the cost of their subscriptions as an income tax-deductible expense, there will be no change.

## SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

**THRA renewal notices** will soon be sent by **email** to all members who have an email address registered with us. Otherwise, you will receive your notice by **post** in mid-January.

## PATTERDALE EXCURSION

If you were still hoping to sign up for the excursion to see **Patterdale** on **17 February 2024**, the tour is now booked out. There is a wait list, however, so contact **Ian Terry** if you want to put your name down for that by email at [iterry@inet.net.au](mailto:iterry@inet.net.au) or phone on 0498 635 064.

## PAPERS AND PROCEEDINGS DECEMBER 2023

**Tasmania's musical history** is the theme of this issue of our journal. It contains wonderful new articles about their musical experiences from **Joyce Purtscher**, **Jane Edwards** and **Michael Fortescue**; a history of the **Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra** by Robert Gibson; a biographies of composer **Don Kay**, singers **Fanny Cochrane Smith** and **Madame Carandini**, and a Launceston violin maker, and has a beautiful front cover of **Jonathan Bekes**, cello player. Thanks to all those who answered the call for contributions to this unusual and very interesting issue.

Copies are available at \$15 and it makes a good Christmas present! Head to [thra.org.au/publications](http://thra.org.au/publications).

**The THRA Committee wishes everyone a happy holiday and looks forward to another full year of history and engaging discussion in 2024!**