

T H R A

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MEETING CALENDAR 2024

9 April	Clare McShane A Tasmanian Life
14 May	Eldershaw Memorial Lecture: Grace Karskens Naming Country again: place names, mapping and Aboriginal cultural renewal on Australia's southeast coast
11 June	Stefan Petrow 'Making libraries free for all': the case of Launceston 1929-1945
9 July	Richard Tuffin Mapping Hobart's development
13 August	Anita Hansen Keeping Identity: the loss of Tasmania's identity after Federation
10 September	Zoe Rimmer Repatriation of Aboriginal cultural material
8 October	Brad Williams Archaeology of the Picton Road Station
12 November	Michael Stoddart Antarctic history
10 December	Members' Night See notice on reverse of page

NEW and RETURNING MEMBERS

Anne Batt of George Town
Michelle Berry of Moonah
Brendon Bowes of Lindisfarne
Ann Burnett of New Town
Zoe Burton of Seddon, Victoria
Tania Burgess of Granton
Andrew Cocker of Bellerive
Danny Crothers of Wynyard
Maureen Davey of Kingston Beach
Helen Davies of Seacliff Park, South Australia
Sherrie-lee Evans of South Hobart
Christine Goodacre of West Hobart
Patrick Gregory of West Hobart
Karen Gunning of Battery Point

Lisa Hutton of Lupiac, France
Brendan Kays of Kingston
Gregory Lehman of West Hobart
Mary Maginnis of Glenorchy
Lisa Nelson of West Hobart
Cameron O'Neal of Glenorchy
Kirstin Seaver of Launceston
John Spiers of Tarooma
Sandra Stubbings of East Lismore, NSW
Paula Woodward of New Town

Glamorgan Spring Bay Historical Society Inc
Maritime Museum of Tasmania

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

Members are reminded that **subscriptions are now due**. If you haven't paid your subscription for 2024 please do so as soon as possible. If you are unsure of your subscription status please contact **Ian Terry** at membership@thra.org.au.

PATTERDALE EXCURSION

Forty-six THRA members enjoyed a wonderful excursion to Patterdale, the northern Tasmanian property of renowned colonial landscape artist, John Glover, in February. Already a successful artist in England, the 64 year-old Glover migrated to Van Diemen's Land with his family in 1831 and built Patterdale on a large and remote grant in 1832. Many of his famous colonial landscapes were painted within walking distance of the house.

Restoration of the derelict house commenced in 2016 and is now complete. The owners also rebuilt Glover's adjacent artist's studio. On the excursion, members were treated to a talk by conservation architect, Graeme Corney, who oversaw the work, a tour of the house by guide Jeanette Gatenby and the studio by owner and THRA member, Carol Westmore. Following the tours we enjoyed lunch in the restored garden and some members walked to Glover's painting sites. Following lunch, we inspected the nearby Nile Chapel at Deddington where Glover is buried. Here former National Trust of Tasmania Chair, Nicholas Heyward, opened the chapel and outlined its history and conservation.

Thanks to Carol, Jeanette, Nicholas and Graeme for providing members with a wonderful day's excursion.

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS

The THRA Committee has already pencilled in at least three more excursions for the rest of the year, with one for each season. If you have any suggestions or requests, the Committee is always open to more ideas! Just talk to a Committee member or email thra@thra.org.au.

FREEDOM: TIME SERVED, MOVING ON

What happened to female convicts once they gained their freedom?

Female Convicts Research Centre Seminar, Sunday 6 May 2024, 9am – 4pm, at the Stanley Burbury Theatre, University of Tasmania.

Attendance in person: \$60 plus 50c booking fee, includes morning tea and lunch. *Zoom webinar attendance:* \$40.00, plus 50c booking fee.

To book, go to the FCRC website: femaleconvicts.org.au/fcrc-seminars/seminar-registration

ARTHUR DINNER

The 12th of May is the 200th anniversary of the arrival of **Lieutenant-Governor George Arthur** at Hobart Town. To commemorate this historic moment, THRA is planning to hold an *Arthur Dinner* on the evening of **Sunday, 12 May** at a venue in Hobart to be decided.

The evening is named after the 'Annual Sorell Dinners', where supporters of Lieutenant-Governor Sorell commemorated his governorship annually after his departure. Keep an eye on your email for more details.

MEMBERS' NIGHT

A reminder that our last lecture evening, on **10 December**, is **Members' Night**. We invite members with some speaking experience who wish to give a 10–15 minute talk on a subject they have researched to contact **Malcolm Ward** with a short description of their topic: malcolm.ward@utas.edu.au.

PUBLICATIONS

The THRA Committee is considering a proposal that THRA should publish a volume of short to medium essays covering *important aspects of Tasmanian history* that are absent from existing literature. The volume is intended to be a valuable addition to the existing body of work on Tasmania's history.

At the moment we are asking members for suggestions for **topics for inclusion** and **authors for the essays**. The topic may be based on an unpublished thesis, an expansion of an existing short publication or be entirely original. We are not yet in a position to address questions about the format, editing or support, but at this stage would like to hear about appropriate subjects.

Please send your suggestions to **Malcolm Ward**: malcolm.ward@utas.edu.au