

THRA

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MEETING CALENDAR 2024

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 Program forthcoming

NEW and RETURNING MEMBERS

George Albion of Huonville
Sarah Ann Atkinson of Sandy Bay
Elizabeth Bicevskis of Battery Point
Lawrence Bonney Lindisfarne
Alan Crooks of Falconbridge (NSW)
Ann-Marie Ezzy of Moonah
Susan Hogan of Geilston Bay

Mary & Grady Koolhof of Geilston Bay
Marion Marrison of Bonnet Hill
Emma Savage of Lenah Valley
Neil Spark of Howrah
Anthony Sweeney of South Arm
Aaron de Wit of Legana
Steve Wicks of New Town
Robert Walsh Wyndham Vale VIC

PAPERS and PROCEEDINGS

You will notice that the current issue of *Papers and Proceedings* is printed entirely in colour. This was a decision made by the THRA Committee after it spent some time admiring the nuance of the images in this edition's articles. Although it is beyond the budget of the Association to print every issue in colour, the Committee has directed the Editor to occasionally curate an exceptionally visual volume.

MICHAEL ROE PRIZE IN AUSTRALIAN HISTORY at UTAS

Recently, the THRA Committee has signed an agreement with the University of Tasmania to sponsor an annual history prize for an **undergraduate student studying Australian History**. The prize is named for **Michael Roe**, who is THRA's patron and had a long career as a Professor of History at the University. The recipient will receive \$500 and a year's membership to THRA.

NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

Libraries Tasmania has a packed program for **National Family History Month**, with speakers and training on topics from *apples to protests*. Many of the events are available as *webinars*, but there are also *tours* and *training sessions* with limited capacity so make sure you find the program and booking information at libraries.tas.gov.au/national-family-history-month.

TMAG EXCURSION

THRA members have been offered the opportunity to view a current exhibition at the **Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery** 'This too shall pass', with a floor talk by its curator, Dr Mary Knights, Senior Curator of Art at TMAG. The main focus of this exhibition is portraits and self-portraits, along with still-life paintings and artefacts that allude to the inevitable transience of life, beauty and material things. This exhibition includes over 100 colonial and contemporary artworks from TMAG's Art Collection.

The excursion will take place on **Saturday 26th October** and there is no charge. Attendance is limited to 50 THRA members on a first-come, first served basis. Those wishing to attend please e-mail Malcolm Ward on malcolm.ward@utas.edu.au.

LEGACY PROJECTOR AND SCREEN

Have you been 'put-off' attending our meetings in the past because of the small and dim quality of our projection screen?

Well, the great news is that members and visitors at our recent meetings have been significantly impressed by the **new large projection screen** and **super bright projector** which THRA has funded and permanently installed in the Legacy Function Room. Now the room's facilities meet modern contemporary standards for us and Legacy's own purposes.

The PowerPoint images are dazzling and crystal clear for our large audiences, even with the room's lights on. The Legacy audio system was also upgraded and a roving microphone is being tested and installed for question time.

LECTURE RECORDINGS

If you are unable to make it to the Tuesday evening talks, don't forget we put them **online** for you to listen to later. You will get an email when the recording is available, usually within the week, but there is also an eight-year back catalogue of talks about history waiting for you.

Go to soundcloud.com/thra1951 or search for '**Tas Hist Research Assoc**' on **SoundCloud** to find the full playlist.

JOBS OF THE PAST

Last year, we had some fabulous stories for *Papers and Proceedings* describing the jobs you had as teenagers (catch up in 70(2): August 2023). Now we would like to go back a generation and hear about the jobs your parents or their friends had that no longer exist!

Email the editor, Alison Alexander, at Alison.Alexander@utas.edu.au with your contributions.

WOMEN IN THE OLYMPICS

For many of us, August has started with evenings spent cheering on underdogs and champions as we watch the Olympics on TV. The XXXIII Olympiad marks the first year the event has equal numbers of male and female competitors. A century ago, individual sporting associations permitted women to participate, but a big question of the 1920s was whether the Olympic Games were too strenuous for women. The *Advocate* suggested there had been quite a ruckus on the way to the 1928 event: "Certainly no incident—not even the 800 metres fight against Nature did more to convince sportsmen of the unsuitability of women, physically and temperamentally, to Olympic competition. No manager who had the responsibility of a mixed team on the journey to Amsterdam will want it when the 1932 Games are held at Los Angeles." (8 Feb 1929).

This story was followed immediately by a report of a male horse trainer being disqualified from the Tasmanian trotting scene for his abusive language.