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## NEWSLETTER No. 115

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### CALENDAR MAY TO AUGUST

13 September	<b>Kate Bagnall</b> Mapping Tasmania's Chinese History
11 October	<b>Malcolm Ward</b> The Papers of Colonel Andrew Geils: An Insight Into Hobart Town Life in the 1810s
8 November	<b>Malcolm Groom</b> Western Tasmania: Prospectors and the Post Office
13 December	<b>Stefan Petrow</b> 'Blooded as Citizen Soldiers': Tasmanians in the 15th Battalion at Gallipoli, April-May 1915

### NEW MEMBERS

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### EXCURSION TO CONNORVILLE 23 OCTOBER

The large sheep-grazing property Connorville near Cressy was established by Roderic O'Connor in 1824, and is still owned by the current Roderic O'Connor. The house was rebuilt in 1924 but the fascinating outbuildings remain. Roderic O'Connor was Governor Arthur's Inspector of Roads and Bridges, and this all-day bus excursion takes us to Connorville via his activities: the Midlands Highway, the Bridgewater causeway, the Ross Bridge. The excursion will be on Sunday 23 October and a tentative estimate of the cost is \$60 for the day. If you would like to join the excursion, please contact Alison Alexander for further details at [Alison.Alexander@utas.edu.au](mailto:Alison.Alexander@utas.edu.au)

## SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENTS 2022

We remind those members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 2022 to please do so as soon as possible. If anyone is unsure whether they have paid or not, please email Ian Terry at

[membership@thra.org.au](mailto:membership@thra.org.au)

## ARTICLES FOR THRA

Members will notice that THRA includes a number of shorter articles about a variety of topics in our *Papers and Proceedings*—some were submitted because people were talking about an interesting bit of research and the editor Alison Alexander asked them to write it up. If you find anything interesting, do think of writing an article about it, however brief, so we can all enjoy it. Please contact Alison if you need more encouragement!

## DIGITISATION OF TASMANIAN PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS 1856 TO 1901

The Tasmanian Parliamentary Library have put all researchers in its debt by digitising Tasmanian Parliamentary Papers from 1856 to 1901. These papers, bulging with valuable information, are fully searchable and will save researchers oodles of time tracking down names, places and particular terms. Try the Advanced Search option. We eagerly await the digitisation of the years from 1902! You can access this digitised resource on the Parliament of Tasmania website

<https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/tpl/PPWeb/>

## CONVICT CULTURE WEEK ON NORFOLK ISLAND MAY 2023

In 2023, the Norfolk Island Museum will host the touring museum exhibition *Dancing in fetters: the culture of convict dance*. In conjunction with the visit, we're planning a week of interactive activities to explore the forgotten culture of convict music, dance and song. A highlight of the week will be a celebration of "*Maconochie's frolic*". There will be a week of dance workshops, music and singing sessions whilst enjoying tours, walks and fine dining around the island. The focus is on participation, so bring your dancing shoes, musical instruments, and voices! The exhibition *Dancing in Fetters: the culture of convict dance* will be open in the Norfolk Island Museum from April to August 2023. The national tour of this exhibition is funded by Visions of Australia and partnered by the Abbey Museum and Bush Traditions Inc. For more details see

<https://www.colonialdance.com.au/convict-culture-week-on-norfolk-island-6532.html>