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Please note that no newsletter was published in our usual April slot.

CALENDAR SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2020

Please note that the September talk will be at the Town Hall. The October and December talks will be at Legacy House unless otherwise advised. Details about the November talk are yet to be determined. All talks will begin at our usual time of 8 pm.

8 September	Tasmanian Life [To be held at the Town Hall] Professor Kate Warner, Governor of Tasmania
13 October	Jacqueline Fox Thomas Wells, emancipist entrepreneur
10 November	Eldershaw Lecture Details to be confirmed
8 December	Hamish Maxwell-Stewart The impact of solitary confinement on convict health

NEW MEMBERS

Carol Bracken, Glengarry
Margaret Roberts, Oakdowns
Robert Stevens, Templestowe, Vic
Pamela Stott, Kenmore, Qld
Tony Sweeney, Lauderdale
Francine Targett, Swansea

WALKING TOUR QUEENS DOMAIN 27 SEPTEMBER 2020

The Queens Domain has been a treasured area of public open space in Hobart since the 1810s. This walk will visit some of the less well known sites in the southern part of the Domain, revealing some of the hidden stories behind the park's long history.

In these covid-19 times, your guides Ian Terry and Stefan Petrow are playing it safe and limiting the walk to twenty participants. We expect the walk to last no more than two hours. The details are:

Meet: At the Hobart Cenotaph at 2.00 on Sunday 27 September.

Contact: Stefan.Petrow@utas.edu.au by 10 September.

SOUNDCLOUD RECORDINGS

If you are having trouble with low volume on our SoundCloud recordings, and turning up your normal computer volume doesn't help, we suggest you try the following steps:

- If you are using external speakers, make sure they are turned up (there is usually a volume knob on one of the speakers).
- When you press 'play' in SoundCloud, at the very bottom of the screen you can see a bar with the controls to play, fast forward/back, a progress strip, and a volume button next to that – check that this is turned up.
- Try playing it in another browser (Chrome, Safari Firefox etc).
- Test it through some headphones (most computers have a standard audio port that can take the same headphones as your phone or iPod).

If it is still too quiet, it is probably related to your computer and there isn't anything we can do. There is a SoundCloud app for Android and Apple phones, which is worth trying if you are able to access it.

LILIAN WATSON FAMILY HISTORY AWARD 2020

Entry for the Lilian Watson Family History Award 2020 is now open. This award is for a Book, however produced or published on paper, dealing with a family or biographical history topic and having significant Tasmanian content. Historical fiction is not eligible.

The prize is currently \$200 plus one year's membership of TFHS Inc.

Entries close 1 December 2020. Further information and entry forms are available from TFHS Inc. Branch Libraries or www.tasfhs.org or

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THE VAN DIEMEN HISTORY PRIZE 2020

Forty South Publishing has opened up entries for The Van Diemen History Prize 2020. Open to Australian citizens or Australian permanent residents, the prize is for articles up to 3,000 words on any aspect of Tasmanian history prior to the 21st century. The winner receives a cash prize of \$500 and publication in *Forty South* magazine. A selection of the best entries will be published in *The Van Diemen Anthology 2021*.

Entries close on 21 September 2020. For further details see the following website:

<https://fortysouth.com.au/the-van-diemen-history-prize-2020/>

HOBART SYNAGOGUE DESCENDANT STORIES

As part of its 175th anniversary celebrations, the Hobart Synagogue invites descendants of past members to share some of their stories. If you would like to contribute a story, please send an email to 175th@hobartsynagogue.org

The Hobart Synagogue also has a fascinating digital archives with some 1300 items on many subjects about the history of Judaism in Tasmania at

https://www.hobartsynagogue.org/ca_library/pawtucket/