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CALENDAR MAY TO AUGUST

10 May	Richard Tuffin Port Arthur Workshops Historical Archaeological Investigation
14 June	Marina Ladaniwskyj Ukrainian Migration to Tasmania After 1945: Identity and Transition
12 July	Nick Clements Tongerlongeter
9 August	Malcolm Groom Western Tasmania: Prospectors and the Post Office

ELDERSHAW LECTURER 2022

The newsletter will be sent out after the Eldershaw Lecture has been delivered, but for the record we include details here of the Eldershaw Lecturer, Michael Bennett, whose lecture is entitled 'Keeping Tasmanians Safe: Smallpox, Quarantine and Vaccination in Nineteenth-Century Tasmania'. Michael is Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Tasmania and a Fellow the Australian Academy of Humanities. He came to Tasmania in 1977, mainly teaching courses on the history of Europe between the fourteenth and eighteenth centuries. He has been a member of THRA since 1998. He is the author of six books and some eighty book chapters and articles on British and world history, including Tasmanian history. His most recent book is *War against Smallpox. Edward Jenner and the Global Spread of Vaccination* (Cambridge University Press, 2020), which has wowed readers with his deep research and his case studies from all over the world.

CHANGE OF STARTING TIME FOR LECTURES IN 2022

Responding to requests from many THRA members, the Committee have decided to start lecture meetings slightly earlier in 2022. Please note that lecture meetings will start at **7.30 pm** in 2022 and not at 8.00 pm as we have for many decades. We hope this change will be more convenient for members.

SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENTS 2022

We remind 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

JOB IN YOUR TEENAGE YEARS

Some of the committee were talking about jobs they did in their teenage years that no longer exist eg. making pills at a pharmacy, helping in a refreshment tent at the Show. If any members have similar memories, I think we could get up an interesting article. Please send to Alison.Alexander@utas.edu.au

LILIAN WATSON FAMILY HISTORY AWARD 2022

The Lilian Watson Family History Award is for a book however produced or published on paper, dealing with a family or biographical history and having significant Tasmanian content. Historical fiction is ineligible. The prize is \$200 and one year's membership of the Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. Entries close on 1 December 2022. Further information and entry forms are available from TFHS Inc Branch Libraries or www.tasfhs.org or Secretary, PO Box 326, ROSNY PARK, TAS 7018 or by email secretary@tasfhs.org

AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE ADVOCACY ALLIANCE

The Australian Heritage Advocacy Alliance <https://ahaa.net.au/> has been formed to make politicians aware that heritage assets of all kinds have immense cultural, social and economic value. The Alliance points out to the absence of a federal government heritage policy that effectively preserves, manages or adequately funds national heritage assets. Irreplaceable heritage assets of all kinds have already been lost or are under threat in all States and Territories. The AHAA ask that members of historical associations think about your particular heritage interests (tangible, intangible, natural) in your locality. They ask that you list three examples of heritage assets actually *Lost* and three heritage assets that are under *Threat*. Please email your examples to AHAA at info@ahaa.net.au and they will be added to those already listed on the AHAA website at <https://ahaa.net.au/heritage-lost-threatened/> Your names will not appear on the site, but you will be contributing to a collective archive recording the '*state of the nation*' on national heritage preservation.

THE AUSTRALIAN MIDWIFERY PROJECT

The Australian Midwifery Project's new website <https://australianmidwiferyhistory.org.au/> contains comprehensive information for anyone interested in the history of midwifery and childbirth in Australia and of the Australian College of Midwives.

THE AUSTRALASIAN MINING HISTORY ASSOCIATION

The Australasian Mining History Association publishes an annual Journal and invites historians with an interest in Australian mining history to submit papers for publication. If you would like to see the results of your mining history research published in the Australasian Mining History Journal please access the Association's website, <https://www.mininghistory asn.au> and the section on the Journal specifically including the Style Guide. Contact Journal Editor Jason Nitz at email: amhajournaleditor@gmail.com.

NEW MEMBERS

Kate Bagnall, Mount Nelson
Claire Bamford, Blackmans Bay
Sue Beattie, Blackmans Bay
Mark Geeves, Port Huon
Don Garden and Susan McKerracher, Kingston
Jane Giblin, Lutana
Elaine Hazell, Kingston
Stephen Loring, Tods Corner
Neil Turnbull, Claremont

ADVANCED NOTICE: EXCURSION TO WELLINGTON PARK IN MAY

This is advance notice for a heritage walk in Wellington Park arranged by THRA in association with Cultural Heritage Practitioners Tasmania. It will be a 3 hour easy-moderate walk led by Anne McConnell together with Angie McGowan. This is an opportunity to see some rare and almost unknown archaeology on Hobart's back doorstep that relates to Hobart's early colonial timber industry. The walk will view a diversity of sites relating to timber getting, part of a rare timber getting heritage complex, possibly the most extensive and best preserved complex in Australia. The walk will be mostly on walking and vehicular tracks, but some of these have short moderately steep sections and there will be need to go-off track short distances. Participants will need to wear enclosed, sturdy shoes and bring a rain coat and water (and a snack). Participants can choose between two dates: Walk 1 – Sunday May 15th, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm; Walk 2 – Wednesday 18th May, 1:30 – 4:30 pm.

The meeting place will be at South Hobart (details available on booking), Bookings will be essential as this is also a public walk, with each walk limited to 15 participants, with participation shared between THRA members and the public. Booking arrangements will be notified by a follow-up email towards the end of April and there will also be public advertising at that time.