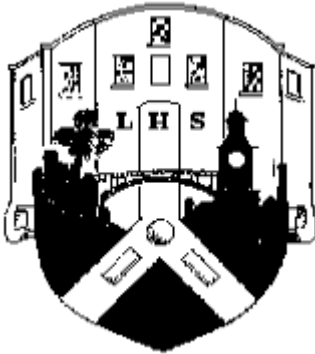




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NOVEMBER

Sunday 16 November 2003 - 2.30 pm at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery
theatrette

Peter Cox: History of Lefroy

Lefroy, a small hamlet some 15 kilometres from George Town was once the scene of Tasmania's second biggest goldfield and its fourth largest town. When at its peak it even eclipsed Beaconsfield in production. However the story of this town has not been told. Peter became interested in the place two years ago when he decided to write a small brochure on its history - something he planned to do in a week. However the story of the town and its mines is so full of mysteries that he can only give a progress report rather than a completed work

Peter graduated with honours in history from the University of Tasmania. After graduation he taught History, Geography and Social Science in Tasmanian schools. Since his retirement he has devoted his time to researching Tasmanian history and promoting George Town, where he lives. Peter is currently a member of both the Launceston Historical Society and the George Town and District Historical Society.

DECEMBER

The LHS CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

will be held at **Holy Trinity Church Hall**, Cameron Street

on Sunday **7 December 2003** at 2.30 pm

Linda Madill will speak about the **history of the Launceston Players**

. Her talk will be followed by a test of members' own performance in Launceston's performing arts

Afternoon tea will then be served

ALL WELCOME

PLEASE BRING A PLATE

The Launceston Players was started in 1926 and has been continuously operating since then. The President, Mrs Linda Madill, will be talking about the history of the Players since it was formed.

Mrs Madill was born and educated in Victoria where she qualified as an infant teacher in 1964. She came to Tasmania in 1966, soon after she married Dr Frank Madill. Linda first became involved with the Launceston Players in 1984 and has been on the Management Committee since 1985. She is currently in her fifth year as President. She has performed in two musicals and was executive producer for "Evita" in 1986.

New Members

The President and Executive would like to welcome the following as members of the Society.

Mrs M Sargent

Mrs June Gee

Mr & Mrs M Gill

Patricia Furst

Angela & Gus Prosser-Green

Advance Notice

Friday 19 March 2004:- *The Examiner* -John West Memorial Lecture to be delivered by **Mr Paul Brunton**, Curator of Manuscripts at the Mitchell Library

Saturday 20 March 2004:- Annual Symposium "Portraits of Port Dalrymple; 1804 and Beyond." Speakers will include Paul Brunton, Drs Hamish Maxwell Stewart and Dr Shayne Breen, Diane Phillips and John Dent.

2003 Papers and Proceedings

The Executive apologises for the delay in publishing the Papers and Proceedings for 2003. We have only just received a copy of one of the papers delivered at the Symposium. Work is well underway in producing this volume of the P&Ps and it is hoped to have them ready for distribution early in 2004.

Exhibition: The BISHOP & the ARTIST

Any members visiting Hobart before Friday 12 December may like to view this exhibition at the Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts, State Library of Tasmania, Murray Street, Hobart. On display are a collection of Tasmanian landscapes by Francis Russel Nixon (1803-1879), Tasmania's first bishop, together with a collection of nineteenth century prints and drawings of Tasmania's finest churches.

Public Forum: "Fraud and the Retiree"

When: 10.00 am - 12.30 pm, Friday 20 February 2004

Where: The Tramsheds, Inveresk Railyards

Cost: Free

The best defence against scams is education. Celebrated fraud-fighter, Denise Brailey, National President, Real Estate Consumers Inc, and one of Tasmania's senior Police Officers will show you how to recognize the scams. This free public forum is being organized by the Association of Independent Retirees with financial backing from the Launceston City Council.

Members wishing to attend this forum should contact the Secretary of the Association of Independent Retirees by phone (03 6398 2872) or email (airnorth@optusnet.com.au).
