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President's Theme for 2024/25

“The more you put in , the more you get out!”



August Greeter – Geoff Medhurst

Editor's Note: This bulletin is a fortnight earlier than usual as I am heading off for a mainland holiday. Any updates on the information listed in this bulletin will be provided at the meeting on Tuesday 6 August.

I was absent from the July **meeting** and outings. Many thanks to those that contributed articles for this bulletin in my absence.

July Presentation - Sam Green

BRIDGEWATER BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION -



The Australian and Tasmanian governments have committed \$786 million to building the new Bridgewater Bridge. The lead contractor for the work is McConnell Dowell and it is well supported by many Tasmanian subcontractors and employees. The bridge is expected to be completed mid-2025.

Sam delivered a comprehensive overview of the construction project followed by more detailed descriptions of the key elements of the work.

To date some of the milestones of the project are:

- Piling in the river is nearly complete. This has included the installation of 46 piles, the deepest being 90 metres below the riverbed.
- More than half of the precast bridge segments have been completed and 20% of the segments installed. The precast yard is working to capacity and is producing up to five bridge segments per day.
- Placing of segments has commenced from the Granton side of the bridge and thus increasing the rate of segment placement.

The first bridge span has been completed to the northern abutment.

There are 300 employees and contractors working on the site.

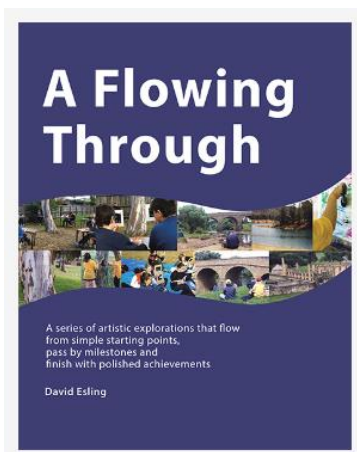
Sam answered many questions asked by members and delicately avoided those of a political nature.

Sam suggested that those travelling to the site and wanting more information should visit the project public interpretation centre located at the main site compound (off the Old Main Road and just to the north of MacDonalds).

Note: Members can keep up with the bridge construction works by visiting the website <https://bridgewaterbridge.tas.gov.au>. Of particular interest under 'Current work' and then 'Images and Videos' there are high quality images and videos of the work. The "New Bridgewater Bridge: construction sequence" that Sam showed us with his presentation can be found on this site. Something to show the grandkids! (*Phil Mathers reporting*)

August Presentation - DAVID ESLING

A LIFE IN EDUCATION



David Esling is an educator with a strong purpose.

David will discuss teaching and learning in a primary school within a socially disadvantaged suburb of Hobart towards the end of his career.

David used Art as a means of reaching out to children, many of whom had no wish to attend school.

The children's art was often outstanding, but the journey, rather than the destination, carried the greater significance.

David has documented his teaching experiences, and successes, in his book 'A Flowing Through'.

David's presentation will inspire and reinforce the important role of teachers and other educators.

WALKING WONDERS



Pictured here are three members of the Wednesday Walkers Group, bounding Brian Butler, bouncing Bill Mottershead, and galloping Gordon Dowl together their carer, caring Kevin Hendry. Rehabilitation, exercise, friendship, and coffee, that's what it's all about!

Brian and Bill in particular are showing their mettle (mainly knee and hip joint metal, that is).

Exercising is so important for rehabilitation and for general health. Come along and reap the health benefits and friendship of the club walks on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, or enjoy a dip in the pool at Friday aquarobics. Details are in the bulletin.

July Lunch Brunch Outing



Our July munch was most enjoyable indeed. For the first time we visited the Shoreline Hotel dining room and we were most impressed. There was plenty on the menu including a specials list from which most of us chose, and before being served our waitress delivered a surprise - large platters of delicious flat bread served complimentary. Expect us back soon.

A Highland Tale



A Hobart accountant on his way to do a spot of fishing in the Tasmanian Highlands came across a rugged highland farmer driving his sheep. The accountant admired the strength and virility of the farmer, who had five children in tow.

The city accountant stopped to talk to the farmer and said:

“You are a lucky man to work outdoors in this invigorating highland environment. I expect this wonderful lifestyle has contributed to your success in fathering five children. My wife and I have not been lucky enough to have a child. If my wife and I came up to the highlands, how long do you think it would take before she became pregnant”?

The farmer looked down from his horse and said:

“If you bring her up tomorrow morning, you can have her back at lunchtime”!!

August Lunch Brunch Outing



Our August munch will be in a very special place – The Sea Grass Restaurant, right on the beach in Sandy Bay. Their new lunch menu contains some delicious choices at very reasonable prices and prepared by professional kitchen staff determined to find your favour. The date is Thursday August 15 and the list will come to you at our August meeting.

Sree's Shutter Bug Slide Selection



Sree's slide portfolio from the July meeting can be found at:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/xbG9ZGNTqGgGG6Sa6>

Sree has cleverly included a complete set of slides from Sam Green's talk on the New Bridgewater Bridge. You can revise this excellent presentation or catch up if you were not present on the day.

July Outing- The Big Dish Visit



Twenty two people braved the cold at the Mt Pleasant observatory to see the wonders of the famous Big Dish. Our intrepid guide Gawain gave us a fascinating introduction to Grote Reber and his many inventions and idiosyncrasies, which included an electric car and of course the radio telescope. We were led outside to see the dish, purchased for \$1 by the University from NASA. Finally we were all able to sit back with our 3D glasses on to watch two short films which left us all in wonder at how big things in space really are. Everyone took away something from this great visit. *(Carl Lawton reporting)*

Sree was at the event with his trusty camera. His pictures can be found at the following link.

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Thanks go to Carl for organising the event. NB

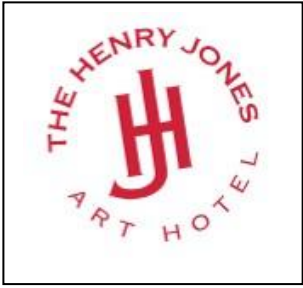
Post Meeting Yacht Club Lunch (John Carter)



Please let John Carter or Phil Mathers know during the coffee break if you wish to attend the Yacht Club lunch after the August Meeting, so he can inform the Yacht Club of numbers.

Put your name on the list and as always the meal will be A La Carter.

August Outing - Henry Jones Art Hotel

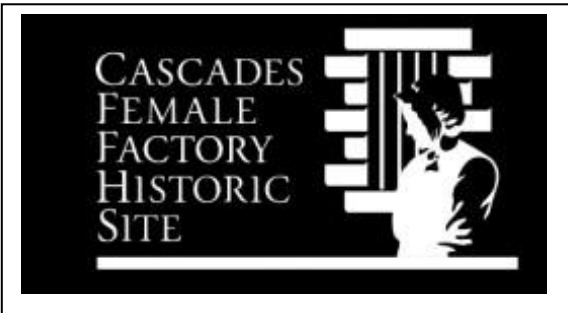


11.30am Tuesday 20 August 2024

Join the Henry Jones Art Curator as she takes us for a wander around The Henry Jones Hotel and discusses the amazing collection, including John Glover landscapes, that adorn the hotel. They are proud to display over 400 art works from emerging artists that are wonderful to explore, while the Art Curator shares her technical knowledge along with wonderful stories.

Date: Tuesday 20 August 2024
Time: Meet in the hotel foyer at 11:15 am for an 11:30 start
Lunch: will be at 12.30 at the nearby Jam Packed Café.
Organiser: Graham Sargison

September Outing - CASCADES FEMALE FACTORY



Our September outing is to the historical Cascades Female Factory. This is a place you have always wanted to visit but have never got around to it. We'll, here's your chance!

This is not the story of a Ladies Probus Club but of a place for convict women, of whom many were described as 'Notorious Strumpets and Dangerous girls'.

This guided tour introduces the site's history, the 7,000 women, and the convict system. Discover what life was like for the women who were transported to Van Diemen's Land.

The tour is 40 minutes with ample time to browse afterwards at your own leisure, around one hour in total.

Please put these details in your calendars.

Date: Tuesday 17 September 2024
Time: Meet at 10:45 for 11:00 tour
Cost: \$25 Concession.
(Bring your concession cards).

Lunch: Cascade Hotel
Organiser: Neil Blaikie



BEWARE !!
Notorious Strumpets
and dangerous girls

Partners and friends welcome. Please put your name on the sheet circulated at the August meeting.

TANTALISING TOURS AND TRAVEL

North East Tasmania Tour



2nd to 6th September 2024

Those travellers on the North East Tour are reminded if you have not already done so, to send through the completed Passenger Booking Forms direct to Rebecca at Coal River Coaches.

We are looking at Pickup & Drop off locations for the tour. Based on the addresses of the travellers the most central options are Wrest Point Casino, Lindisfarne Rowing Club and Graham Family Funerals in New Town. Timing will be advised.

For those travelling, Coal River Coaches have offered to host a get together before the tour towards the end of August. Date and time will be advised. It will likely be a 10.30am morning tea at a location in the northern suburbs.

Any queries to Mike Walpole or Frank Walker.

Kelly Country Tour



Members are reminded that a Kelly Country tour is planned for April (1st – 4th) next year. We will be calling for expressions of interest in September and commitment in November.

This coach tour (ex Melbourne) will cover places and sites of interest in towns and territory from Melbourne - Healesville - Mansfield – Milawa – Beechworth – Chiltern – Wangaratta – Bright – Mt Buffalo – Glenrowan – Benalla – Seymour – Melbourne.

At \$1300 pp, it represents excellent value. The airfare has been left out of the costings so that members can take advantage of frequent flyer points by making their own bookings, and where desired might also include any extended travel plans.

More details about the tour are available from David Brammall and further details will be published in a future Bulletin. (*David Brammall*)

Coming Items of General Interest

Wednesday Walkie Talkers (John Carter 0414 765 910)



Our ever ready group are all wrapped up in winter woollies and new hips ready to brace the cold in readiness for a good cup of coffee and chat afterwards. If you need a reason to walk you can't beat joining us each Wednesday for a 9.30 start at Sandy Bay.

See you on the promenade.

John Carter

Aqua-Aerobics Group (Ian Miller 0407 686 447)



Come and join us for some warm water exercises at the Doone Kennedy Pool. Interested members, wives and or partners are welcome to join us **each Friday morning at 7.45 am in the pool** followed by coffee after in the pool café.

Monday & Thursday Walkers (Ian Miller 0407 686 447)



We walk from different venues (eastern shore on Mondays and western shore on Thursdays) with coffee after most walks.

Contact Ian Miller (0407686447) or Brian Butler (0409 218 567) for meeting points for a 9.30 start.





Brian Butler's Curriculum Vitae

Our dear Secretary has generously shared his CV with us, and wow, he sure is qualified for the job as Secretary.

1. My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. Couldn't concentrate.
2. Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.
3. After that, I tried being a tailor, but wasn't suited.
4. Next, I tried working in a muffler factory, but that was too exhausting.
5. Then, tried being a chef - figured it would add a little spice to my life, but just didn't have the thyme.
6. Next, I attempted being a deli worker, but any way I sliced it ... I couldn't cut the mustard.
7. My best job was a musician, but eventually found I wasn't noteworthy.
8. I studied a long time to become a doctor but didn't have any patience.
9. Next, was a job in a shoe factory. Tried hard but just didn't fit in.
10. I became a professional fisherman but discovered I couldn't live on my net income.
11. Managed to get a good job working for a pool maintenance company, but the work was just too draining.
12. So then I got a job in a workout centre, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.
13. After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a historian - until I realized there was no future in it.
14. Then I was working in Starbucks but had to quit because it was the same old grind.
15. So finally I found my calling as an educator as I am a man of class.
16. I became the leader of the school as I am a man of principle.
17. Finally, I tried retirement and found I'm perfect for that job too.

(Thanks Brian – good fun. NB)