



# LAUNCESTON BRANCH NEWSLETTER

## Library

## Hours:

**Tuesday**  
10am–3pm

**Monday - Thursday:**  
By appointment

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## Christmas Luncheon

Saturday

**23 November**  
**Swan Bay**

12:30pm

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## DNA Discussion Circles

*If you're not already on our DNA mailing list, contact us to register your interest in attending*

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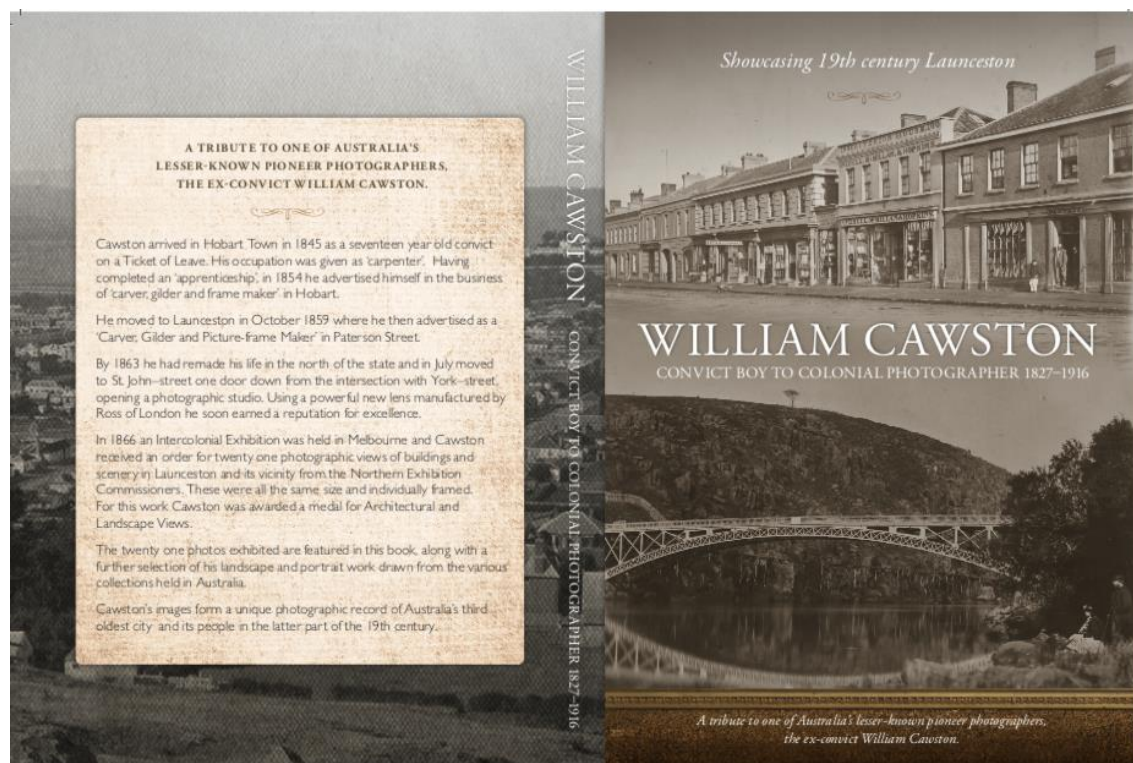
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## From the Library:

### New Arrival



Available for purchase is the new publication, *William Cawston, Convict Boy to Colonial Photographer 1827-1916*, published by Christopher (Gus) Green OAM.

A tribute to one of Australia's lesser-known pioneer photographers, the ex-convict William Cawston.

Price for copies not requiring postage is \$35. A price of \$40 includes postage throughout Australia.

For a full list of new arrivals, please visit the library and chat to one of our friendly volunteers.

## Finding and Using Early Tasmanian Church Records

In July we had a great turnout at the Elderly Citizens Club (our new workshop venue), where attendees enjoyed hearing about early Tasmanian church records. We welcomed Dr Pru Francis (Archivist, *Archives and Heritage Collection, Catholic Archdiocese of Hobart*), and received lots of positive feedback on the day. Thank you also to Robyn, Fran and Barrie for your input into the workshop.



*L-R Helen Stuart, Robyn Gibson and Dr Pru Francis*



*Members examining heritage exhibits*

## England and Wales Certificate Service

If you do not have easy access to the internet yourself, or aren't comfortable using your credit card details online, you can still order a certificate from GRO (General Register Office). Call in and see us at the Branch Library to ask about the record(s) you are interested in.

Birth, Death & Marriage records for England & Wales (from 1 July 1837) can be ordered on your behalf for \$25 per certificate (mailed, which includes postage) or \$15 per certificate (PDF, emailed). For mailed certificates, please allow up to 5 weeks for postal delivery from UK. You will need to have some information about the record (names, year, quarter, district etc). Bring what information you have, and we will check to see if it is correct, before ordering.

## One on One Sessions at the Branch Library

Are you interested in attending a one-on-one session with one of our volunteers at the library for a fee?

We are currently exploring this as an option, and if there is enough interest this may be something we set-up for our members and visitors. If this sounds like something you would benefit from, let us know which topic/s interest you:

- DNA research
- Presenting family history
- Dating old photos
- Breaking down brick walls
- Using Ancestry.com
- Using Trove

Or something else!

***Email us or drop in with your feedback.***

**Volunteers are urgently required** to do duty at our Branch Library. Come along any Tuesday (10am-3pm) to see how the library works, you may like to be trained to work on the desk as a “Duty Officer”.

## Family History Month

During August, we were invited along to the Launceston Library to join others in displaying information for *Family History Month*. Thank you to our volunteers who helped out on the day - it was well attended and enjoyable, with a lot of interest from visitors.



## Hobart Synagogue 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*From Jeff Schneider, Hobart Hebrew Congregation*

The Hobart Hebrew Congregation is planning the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of the synagogue for July 2020. The committee would like to invite descendants of the many families that were vital to the congregation's survival to play a special part in the celebration.

There have been many responses to the invitation from interstate; however it is believed there are several descendants still living in Tasmania. As the congregation's place in Tasmania is an emphasis of the celebration, attendance by local descendants would be highly welcomed.

*\*Note: descendants are all welcomed equally and it is not of concern if they are not currently practising Judaism.*

Please contact Jeff Schneider for further information on 0466 434 620 or [treasurer@hobartsynagogue.org](mailto:treasurer@hobartsynagogue.org)

### **Newsletter articles – always welcome!**

Have you made any interesting family history discoveries recently?  
An article (about 500 words) on your discovery, or any other family history topic, would be a welcome addition to the Newsletter.

Come to the Library and tell us about your ideas.

## **British Interest Group**

**Meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month  
TFHS Inc. Launceston Branch Library  
The Stables, 45 Tamar Street  
(at rear of Albert Hall) from 2:00 to 4:00.**

We are a small group of enthusiastic members of the Tasmanian Family History Society Inc., Launceston Branch, with an interest in anything associated with British research. The meetings are generally of an informal nature, designed to enable the discussion of either a specific subject, current problems being encountered, or more usually, both.

***Next Meeting: Wednesday 9 October.  
Topic: Immigration, immigration societies and related issues.***

## **Christmas Luncheon**

**You are invited to attend our annual Christmas Luncheon!**

- Date:** Saturday, 23 November, 2019
- Time:** 12 for 12.30
- Place:** Home of Barry and Janis Robinson
- Address:** 546 Los Angelos Road, Swan Bay
- Cost:** \$30.00 per person including drinks
- Bookings:** By Email [ltntasfh@bigpond.com](mailto:ltntasfh@bigpond.com)  
or at Launceston Branch Library, 45 Tamar Street (next to the Albert Hall)

**Bookings Close:** Tuesday, 5 November, 2019

**Change to Newsletter Distribution:** Please note that the Branch Newsletter is now distributed electronically. Please contact us to ensure your email details are up to date (if you have been receiving this by mail). Printed copies are still available for collection from the Library for those without email access, and from our website.