



LAUNCESTON BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Library

Hours:

Tuesday
10am–3pm

Monday - Thursday:
By appointment

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## Workshop

Wednesday  
19 February  
2:00 - 4:00pm

## Family History Surprises in QVMAG Collections

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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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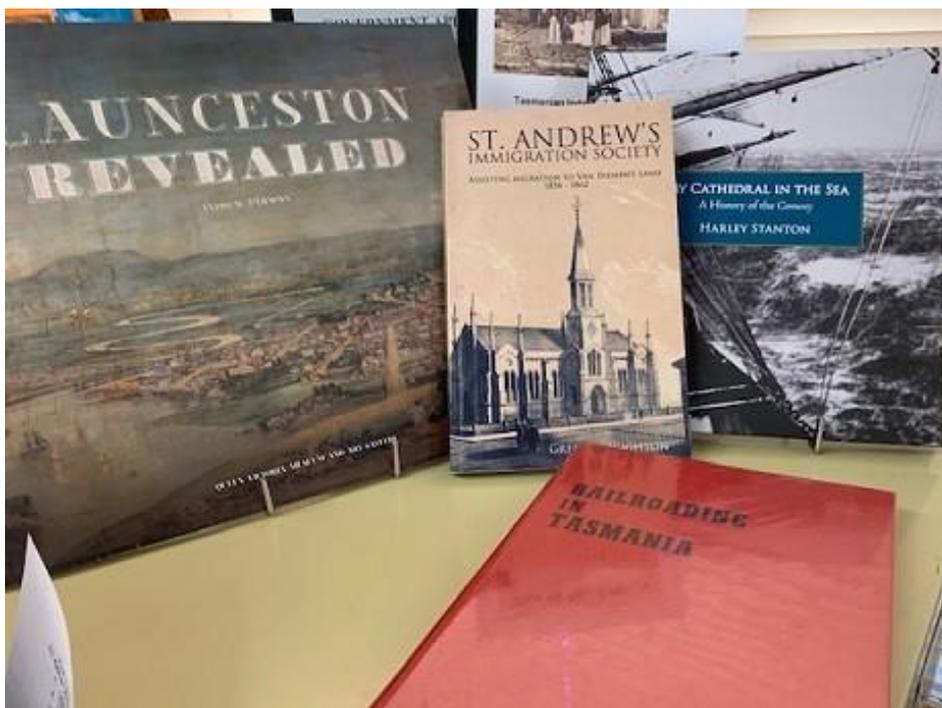
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From the Library:

New Arrivals



New titles include:

- *Tasmanian Index of Children and Families contained in files of SWD1 (Neglected Children's Department) 1888 - 1936 from the Tasmanian Archives*
- *Launceston Revealed*
- *St Andrew's Immigration Society: Assisting Migration to Van Diemen's Land 1854-1862*
- *Index to Government Appointments from Tasmanian Gazettes Vol.11 1834-1838*

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

December / January Hours:

The Stables library is closed for the holiday period:

Tuesday 3 December at 3:00pm,
reopening Tuesday 14 January 2020 at 10.00am.

Working Bee at the Library

Monday 13 January from 10:00am.

Volunteers are appreciated to prepare the Library for the opening on Tuesday 14th.

Can you Assist?

On Thursday 12 March, the Branch Library will be running a sausage sizzle / barbecue at Bunnings Launceston. This is an important fundraiser, and any donations in provision of sausages, bread, condiments, etc. or funds to purchase same or help for an hour or two on the day (from 9am - 4pm) would be much appreciated.

Please contact Fran Keegan on 0409 578 468 or frankeegan12@gmail.com if this sounds like something you are able to contribute to.

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".

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.

Seniors Week 2019

During Seniors Week in October, the Launceston Branch once again held an Open Day involving hourly one-on-one appointments. Thank you to our volunteers who so willingly gave of their time to make this possible, and welcome to our new members!



Jayne Shapter and Robyn Gibson with two of our visitors on the day, Steven Jones and Margaret Barlow

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.

Hobart Synagogue 175th Anniversary

From Jeff Schneider, Hobart Hebrew Congregation

The Hobart Hebrew Congregation is planning the 175th 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

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 12 February.
Topic: Brick Walls***

Family History Surprises in QVMAG Collections

**Workshop: Wednesday 19 February, 2 pm – 4 pm
The Elderly Citizens Club, 16 Landale Street Invermay**
(Free parking is available behind the hall, with entry off Queen Street)

This workshop is open to Members and Non-members, and includes guest speaker Ross Smith from the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery (QVMAG)

Bookings essential. Registrations and fee of \$5.00 payable to the Branch Library (**The Stables, 45 Tamar Street**) by Tuesday 18 February.

Email: ltntasfh@bigpond.com
Phone: (03) 6326 1399

Application to attend the Branch Workshop

I wish to attend the above workshop on 19 February 2020

Name/s:

Address:

Phone/Mobile: Membership Nos:

Please return the completed form as soon as possible to the:

The Library Co-ordinator, TFHS Inc. Launceston Branch, PO Box 1290, Launceston. 7250
Or register in person at the Branch Library.

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