HERITAGE-NEWS: April 2019

HERITAGE-NEWS is a monthly bulletin covering news, stories and events from Tasmania’s historic heritage sector. It is produced by Heritage Tasmania and the Tasmanian Heritage Council. Feel free to forward this message to friends, families and colleagues; contribute an article, or provide us with your feedback. For more regular updates, visit the ‘What’s New’ section of our website at www.heritage.tas.gov.au.

It’s Heritage Festival Month
The Tasmanian Heritage Festival represents the state’s largest celebration of cultural heritage, with a wide range of community groups, schools, heritage organisations and local businesses participating in the program. The theme of this year’s festival is ‘This Place Matters’, inspiring local communities to protect, conserve and celebrate places of significance in their region. This year’s program is better than ever with a huge range of both community and National Trust of Australia (Tasmania) led events being held throughout Tasmania. For a copy of the program contact the National Trust.

Maintaining Places of Worship
In response to the closure or sale of religious properties and the many associated questions raised by the Tasmanian community, the Tasmanian Heritage Council has revised its publication Maintaining Places of Worship. The publication provides advice on managing historic places of worship including moveable heritage items that are an integral part of the place’s historic cultural heritage significance including community attachments. It covers the adaptation and disposal of places of worship by religious organisations as well as the adaptation of churches for new uses. For a copy click here.

A Thoughtful Restoration
Plans to refresh a residence in a former chapel turned into a labour of love and a thoughtful restoration. For the full story click here.

Celebrating Rural Landscapes
April 18 is the International Day on Monuments and Sites. This year’s theme is rural landscapes and we celebrate Tasmanian landscape artist John Glover. For the full story click here.

Conserving the Monuments of St David’s Park
The City of Hobart is seeking advice on how best to conserve the monuments in St David’s Park, particularly those that are set into the memorial wall. For more information click here.

Heritage Snap!
The City of Launceston’s Heritage Awards aim to recognise projects that have improved heritage properties whilst maintaining their heritage value or have otherwise promoted our historic cultural heritage in Launceston. This year the City of Launceston is also celebrating 10
years of these Awards. Originally intended for built work on heritage buildings, the scope of the awards has broadened to include works to vehicles, gardens and larger landscapes, as well as the promotion of heritage issues in any form. Since 2014 a photographic competition for students has also been incorporated. HERITAGE SNAP! encourages the city’s younger residents to recognise and appreciate Launceston’s built heritage. For more information, including how to enter, visit the City of Launceston website.

2019 Tasmanian Architecture Awards Exhibition
The Tasmanian Architecture Awards is a showcase of creativity and good design. To view the nominees vying for awards head to either the Launceston or Hobart exhibitions. The launch of the Launceston exhibition will be held at the Launceston Brickworks Design Studio on Thursday 23 May 2019 and will be open to the public until Friday 7 June 2019. In Hobart the exhibition will be launched on Thursday 13 June 2019 at the Lower Deck, Brooke St Pier. Exhibition entry is free.

Restoring the Adye Douglas Fountain
In 2008, the Adye Douglas Fountain at Elphin Road, Launceston, was restored to its original glory. The fountain required repair to remove rust, scale and cracking to significant iron elements. Layers of paint had also blurred intricate details. A certificate of exemption from the Tasmanian Heritage Council provided the necessary approvals for the restoration works. Local firm Glasgow Engineering completed the work, and their website article on the history of fountain pattern number 27 and the detailed restoration process is a great read. For the full story click here.

Upcoming events at Narynna
Narynna has a new website and a new exhibition. “Step into Narryna for a rich experience of Tasmania’s social history, art and design traditions.” For a glimpse at the history and details of upcoming events click here.

Contributions: If you would like to contribute a story to E-NEWS, promote an upcoming heritage event, subscribe to or cancel your subscription please email enquiries@heritage.tas.gov.au. We respect your privacy and do not pass on the personal details of subscribers.