

# HERITAGE-NEWS: May 2016

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## 2016 Tasmanian Architecture Awards Season is Underway

The Tasmanian Heritage Council is proud to be sponsoring the Heritage Architecture Category in the 2016 Tasmanian Architecture Awards. The annual Awards recognise the best of Tasmanian architecture. In sponsoring the Heritage Architecture Category, the Heritage Council is thanking all those architects who support heritage conservation, revitalisation and adaptive reuse. This year, 27 entries have been received across 10 awards. You can view all the entries at exhibitions at the Launceston LINC Tasmania from 13 May to 3 June 2016, and in Hobart at the Brooks Street Pier from 9 June to 6 July 2016. Award winners will be announced on Saturday 25 June 2016. To view the entries go to the 2016 [Tasmanian Architecture Awards website](#). Be sure to vote for your favourite entry through the links to the People's Choice Award. There are \$12,000 in prizes to be won just by voting for your favourite new build. Please share it with friends, colleagues, relatives and neighbours. The Heritage Council congratulates all this year's entrants.

## Bothwell's new Visitor Centre Respects its Past

Bothwell's new Visitor Centre is injecting new life into a set of historic buildings, and contributing to the rejuvenation of one of Tasmania's most scenic historic towns. To learn more about the transformation, click [here](#).

## New Roof for Woolmers Pumphouse

The historic Pumphouse building at the World Heritage Listed Convict Site Woolmers Estate has received new roof cladding and structural repairs.. For the full story click [here](#).

## City of Launceston Celebrates Historic Heritage

The City of Launceston presented its 2016 Heritage Awards early this month. Its Heritage Advisory Council Chair, Alderman Janie Finlay, congratulated the winners and said this year's Heritage Awards had drawn some excellent nominations. "The annual Heritage Awards are designed to reward people who share a passion for Launceston's history and to recognise projects that have improved heritage places or promoted heritage issues around the city," she said. The Major Project Award was presented to Mark and Karen Bartkevicius for the adaptive re-use of a former hydro-electricity substation, creating a home and providing new life to an icon of Launceston's industrial heritage. The Small Project Award was awarded to Julie and Wen Nermut for substantial repair work to a significant verandah and ongoing maintenance of a grand Victorian residence, showing exceptional attention to detail. The Duck Reach Historical Group received the Promotion Project Award for the Duck Reach Interpretation Centre & Museum's promotion of Launceston's significant history in the

production of hydro-electricity and the unique infrastructure that remains as part of the Cataract Gorge Reserve.

## PRESENTATION: [10 Objects – 10 Stories: Celebrating Community Exhibitions](#)

**1 June 2016 | 4:30 pm | 146 ArtSpace, 146 Elizabeth Street, Hobart**

Arts Tasmania's Roving Curators in conjunction with Museums Australia (Tasmania) invite you to a floor talk about the current *10 Objects – 10 Stories: Celebrating Community Collections* exhibition at 146 ArtSpace. The exhibition curators Veronica Maco and Melissa Smith will provide an insight to the development of the exhibition and will be joined by delegates from several of the small museums represented in the exhibition. The curators will talk about their museum's collections and their specific object on display. To RSVP email [info@arts.tas.gov.au](mailto:info@arts.tas.gov.au)

## PRESENTATION: [Persistence Pays: The Discovery of Dr Pugh's Missing Journal](#)

**19 June 2016 | 2:00 pm | Meeting Room, QVMAG Inveresk Site**

Dr Pugh's handwritten Journal of his voyage from England to Van Diemen's Land is first mentioned in the Illustrated Tasmanian Mail Christmas Issue of 1934. Seven years after starting a search for the Journal it has finally been found in Bristol, England. Dr John Paull and Mrs Aileen Pike will bring you the story of the search and unpublished highlights of Pugh's life, as described by the intrepid Dr Pugh.

## NEW PUBLICATION: [Hop Kilns – echoes from our past](#)

This new publication by author Pen Tayler and Forty South Publishing brings to life the history of the hop kilns on 12 properties, tracing the highs and lows of the industry and its effect on those who relied on it. Hop growing has been a significant part of Tasmania's agricultural and cultural history since early colonial times. Although the Derwent River Valley is now considered the predominant hop growing area in the state, hops have been grown from the north to the south as well as in the east of the state. The kilns reflected the energy, confidence and ingenuity of those who invested their futures in them. Today hops are dried in large, characterless sheds, and many of the old kilns have succumbed to the ravages of time. Some of these intriguing buildings remain, however, and Tayler's haunting photographs show that, although the kilns are often in poor condition, they retain a sense of the life they once contained, and of those who dried the hops in the heat and the dust. *Hop kilns of Tasmania* is available from bookshops in Hobart and around the state for \$60. For more information email [Lucinda.Sharp@fortysouth.com.au](mailto:Lucinda.Sharp@fortysouth.com.au)

## NEW PUBLICATION: [Duck Reach and Launceston's Electric Light](#)

Author Julian Burgess and Launceston publisher Christopher (Gus) Green OAM released *Duck Reach and Launceston's Electric Light* to mark Duck Reach's 120th anniversary, and efforts to restore it as a working power station. Built in the steep and rocky Cataract Gorge, the Duck Reach Power Station brought together some of the leading civil and electrical engineers of the day. The result was the first publicly-owned hydro-electric power station in Australia. Within a few years Launceston was being described as the best lit city in Australia and the Duck Reach power scheme was making a profit for Launceston ratepayers. In the early 1900s the city council started promoting its plentiful supply of water

and electricity to overseas industries. Despite being almost destroyed in the Great Flood of 1929, Duck Reach generated electricity for Launceston for 60 years and then was abandoned when it was replaced by the much bigger Trevallyn Power Station. In 2006 the Duck Reach Power Station was awarded an Historic Engineering Marker by the Institution of Engineers Australia in recognition of its technical significance and its social importance to Launceston. *Duck Reach and Launceston's Electric Light* is available from Birchalls, Petrarch's bookshop, Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery Launceston \$35.00 soft cover and \$69.95 hardback. For more information email [prossergreen@vision.net.au](mailto:prossergreen@vision.net.au).

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