



Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.

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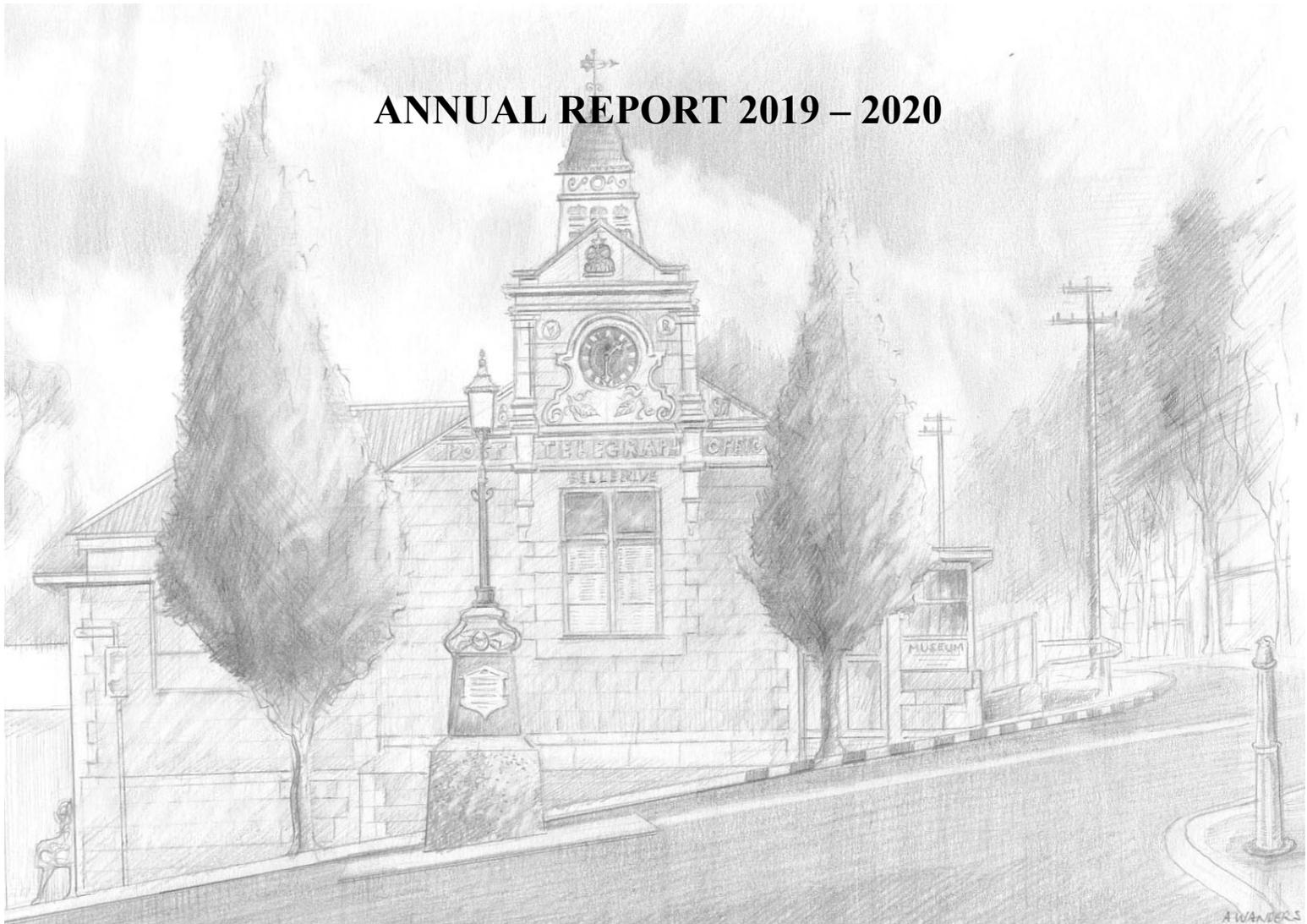
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HOBART BRANCH

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

21st APRIL 2020

ANNUAL REPORT 2019 – 2020



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PO Box 326, Rosny Park, Tasmania, 7018

TASMANIAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. [Hobart Branch]

Annual General Meeting, 21st April 2020

AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES
2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2019AGM [See p. 2-3]
3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
4. PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT
5. FINANCIAL REPORT
6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Only one nomination for each of the elected positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer was received by the closing date for nominations, 31 March 2019.

Nominations for 2020 / 2021

		<i>Nominated</i>	<i>Seconded</i>
President	Louise Rainbow	Maurice Appleyard	
Vice-President	Robert Tanner	Howard Reeves	Maurice Appleyard
Secretary	Howard Reeves	Colleen Read	Robert Tanner
Treasurer	Geoff Mason	Andrew Cocker	Maureen O'Toole

Nine nominations have been received for positions on the Committee for 2020-21

Committee Members (up to 11 may be elected)	<i>Nominated</i>	<i>Seconded</i>
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Due to the COVID-19 crisis the AGM has been postponed to a later date. The 2019-20 President and Committee will continue in their roles until the AGM is held, as will the Appointed Officers.

7. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTED POSITIONS 2019- 2020

Appointed Positions

Assistant Treasurer
Auditor
Branch Resource Manager
Assistant Resource Manager
CSI Project Coordinator
DNA Interest Group
Librarian
Library Committee
Library Computer Coordinator
Media Liaison & Facebook Coordinator
Minute Secretary
Monday Working Group
Newsletter
Publications Committee
Research Officer
Speakers for General Meetings
Web Manager

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
9. CLOSE AGM

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
HOBART BRANCH OF TASMANIAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC.
 HELD AT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, ST JOHNS PARK, NEW TOWN
 ON TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2019

PRESENT Louise Rainbow (President) and 25 members.

APOLOGIES Robert Tanner, Mary Ramsay.

The President, Louise Rainbow declared the meeting open at 7.30 pm and welcomed members and visitors.

MINUTES It was moved by Maurice Appleyard seconded by Sally Rackham that the minutes of the 2017-2018 Annual General Meeting held on 17 April 2018 be confirmed.

CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Louise Rainbow presented the President's Report. It was moved from the Chair and seconded by Colleen Read that the President's Report be received.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Geoffrey Mason presented the Audited Financial Report for 2017/2018. It was moved by Geoffrey Mason and seconded by Andrew Cocker that the Financial Report be received.

CARRIED

OTHER REPORTS

The following reports were tabled and included in the AGM Report made available to members:

Resource Manager	Librarian and Library Committee	State Library Volunteers
Monday Group and Publications Committee		Newsletter Editor
Research Officer	Comprehensive Search Index [CSI]	DNA Interest Group
Web Manager	Library Computer Manager	Speaker Program
Media Liaison & Facebook Coordinator		

Election of 2019 / 2020 Office Bearers and Committee

As only one nomination was received for each of the elected office bearer positions - President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer - the Chair declared the following members elected to these positions for 2019-20.

	<i>Nominated</i>	<i>Seconded</i>
President	Louise Rainbow	Maurice Appleyard
Vice-President	Robert Tanner	Howard Reeves
Secretary	Howard Reeves	Colleen Read
Treasurer	Geoff Mason	Andrew Cocker
		Maureen O'Toole

Nine nominations have been received for positions on the Committee for 2019-20

Committee Members (up to 11 may be elected)	<i>Nominated</i>	<i>Seconded</i>
	Maurice Appleyard	Howard Reeves
	Clint Ayers	Howard Reeves
	Andrew Cocker	Maureen O'Toole
	Ros Escott	Colleen Read
	Julie Kapeller	Julie Kapeller
	Maureen O'Toole	Louise Rainbow
	Colleen Read	Geoff Mason
	Eddy Steenbergen	Ros Escott
	Sue Wallbank	Clint Ayers
		Ros Escott
		Maureen O'Toole
		Andrew Cocker
		Sue Wallbank
		Howard Reeves
		Louise Rainbow

Moved Louise Rainbow and seconded by Sally Rackham that the Committee members be declared **CONFIRMED**.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTED POSITIONS 2019- 2020

It was moved from the Chair that the following members be confirmed to the Appointed Positions for the 2019-20 year.

CARRIED

Appointed Positions

Assistant Treasurer	Lyndal Ayers
Auditor	Alan Beardwood
Branch Resource Manager	Maurice Appleyard
Assistant Resource Manager	Clint Ayers
CSI Project Coordinator	Robert Tanner
DNA Interest Group	Ros Escott
Librarian	Judith Mudaliar
Library Committee	Judith Mudaliar, Kathy Bluhm, Pam Campbell, Maurice Appleyard, Anne Hay
Library Computer Coordinator	Clint Ayers
Media Liaison & Facebook Coordinator	Eddy Steenbergen
Minute Secretary	Julie Kapeller
Monday Working Group	Julie Kapeller
Newsletter	Judy Crossin
Publications Committee	Colleen Read, Thelma McKay, Julie Kapeller
Research Officer	Louise Rainbow
Speakers for General Meetings	Eddy Steenbergen
Web Manager	Robert Tanner

There being no further business President Louise Rainbow congratulated the new committee members, thanked all those in attendance and closed the meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

Minutes Confirmed:PRESIDENT Date:

Tasmanian Family History Society, Inc., Hobart Branch

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019 - 2020

This past year has been a very busy one, and it is with great pleasure that I present the Annual Report for 2019-20. Well, who could have imagined the position we find ourselves in at the present time? The Hobart Branch Committee is operating in caretaker mode until we can return to normal operations and an Annual General Meeting can be held.

Unfortunately, we have had to curtail many of our activities due to the government regulations and restrictions set in place to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus. At this stage the library remains closed to the members and visitors until restrictions are lifted. The monthly general meetings have been suspended as has the activities of the Monday Group. The DNA group has switched to an on-line meeting and several of that group have taken up the offer.

The activities and services provided to our members and non-members can be read in more detail individually.

The library is the main focus of our service, and we have continued to acquire a large volume of accessions in the past year, most of these by the generosity of donors and which has in turn given us the opportunity to expand the resources available within the library. We are very grateful for these donations and thank all you good people for your thoughtfulness and goodwill.

The library would not function without the work of our Librarian Jude Mudaliar, the Library Committee who meet on a monthly basis, and the many library assistants who so very happily contribute their knowledge, expertise and time assisting our members and visitors, and of course Pam Campbell for her diligence in preparing the Library Assistants Roster.

A group of volunteers known as the Monday Group meet on a weekly basis led by Julie Kapeller and Colleen Read. This is a group who have been working industriously for more years than anyone can remember and the focus is on the indexation of records which add to our wide list of resources and are published in-house and provide some income for the branch.

The DNA Interest Group conducted by Ros Escott and Andrew Cocker continues to flourish and the numbers attending show there is a great interest in this topic. A move to another venue has become necessary to cater for the large number of participants attending the monthly meetings.

Our monthly general meetings are well patronized, and the variety of topics and the skill of the presenters continue to hold the interest of members and visitors. Eddy Steenbergen holds this very challenging role of providing speakers for the meetings and Howard Reeves writes up the notes for inclusion in the Branch report for *Tasmanian Ancestry*.

Most of you who use our branch website on a regular basis will have become aware of our new look branch website which is a vast improvement on the previous one and is much easier to navigate and any updating of current information is now a simple task. Thank you Andrew Cocker for making this happen.

News of what is happening within the branch and in the family history world has been conveyed to us via a monthly Newsletter compiled by Judy Crossin and is emailed to our Hobart Branch members on a regular basis. I am sure members have also noticed the improvement to the look of the newsletter and the extra information provided.

Our participation during Heritage Month in May, an event conducted by the National Trust of Tasmania, proved to be a huge success for us. The branch collaborated with SPAT, the Bellerive Historical Society and John Sargent's Moorings Museum. This event proved to be a real winner with people coming from all parts of Tasmania including visitors from interstate who heard the Saturday morning talk on ABC radio.

Many of our members enjoyed an outing in September to Eaglehawk Neck where we were so kindly hosted at the hall by members of the local history groups.

In October last year, the branch participated in Seniors Week sponsored by COTA. Two sessions were conducted offering free one-on-one sessions for those who requested assistance in the mysteries of DNA testing and for those who required some guidance with their own family history research.

The 40th Anniversary of the Society was marked with a reception held on the 15 October at Government House hosted by the Governor Professor Kate Warner. Invitations were directed towards Hobart branch volunteers and office bearers, both past and present.

Our branch is in a financially favourable position at this time, thanks to the good work of Treasurer Geoff Mason ably assisted by Lyndal Ayers and the wise oversight of the Committee.

Behind the scenes an incredible amount of work happens and I would like to make special mention here of Maurice Appleyard, our Resource Manager, and Clint Ayres, Deputy Resource Manager, who work incredibly hard to make sure that the operation and maintenance of the Library and its resources run smoothly. Brenda Richardson has supported their work on a weekly basis for many years, and her work is also very much appreciated.

It has been my privilege over the last year to work with a dedicated group of volunteers and the support of the Branch Committee whose contribution and willingness is highly valued. Many of you have been mentioned within the pages of the Annual Report, but those who have not been named are certainly not forgotten. I would like also to make special mention of Robert Tanner for his support and wisdom as Vice President. Without Howard Reeves' knowledge and efficiency as Secretary, and Treasurer Geoff Mason's ability with the finances, my role would not have been possible.

The branch has continued to work well throughout the past year because of the dedication and the harmonious nature within. I look forward to another prosperous year ahead and to the re-opening of our library when restrictions have been relaxed and it is safe to do so.

Louise Rainbow
President

**TREASURER'S REPORT
2019 - 2020**

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MEMBERS

TASMANIAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC.

HOBART BRANCH
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I have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts and Payments for the period ended 31st March 2020 of the Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. Hobart Branch

In my opinion:

- (1) It gives a true and fair view of the result of financial activities of the Society for the year ended 31st March 2020.
- (2) The accounting records of the Society have been properly kept.
- (3) All information and explanations that were required from Office Bearers of the Branch were satisfactorily provided.


ALAN BEARDWOOD
HON. AUDITOR

Dated 17/04 / 2020

Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.

Hobart Branch
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Statement of Cash Flow for the year ended 31st March 2020

2018/19		
\$12,958.03	Opening Balance as at 1st April 2019	\$16,101.09
	<u>Add Receipts</u>	
10,734.17	Membership subscriptions	7,953.51
1,387.95	Donations	927.65
870.25	Fund Raising	3,053.30
312.20	Research	85.00
4,833.72	Sales	3,930.10
8.86	Interest	9.23
1,038.75	Library Revenue	1,249.48
0.00	Grants	0.00
9,185.00	Grants from State	0.00
570.00	Sundries	425.00
\$28,940.90	Total receipts	\$17,633.27
\$41,898.93	Funds available	\$33,734.36
	<u>Less Payments</u>	
4,716.66	Membership Subscriptions - State	2,470.00
0.00	Membership Subscriptions - Branch	70.00
0.00	Insurance	0.00
614.05	Fund Raising	646.00
0.00	Research	0.00
0.00	Research costs paid to other branches	0.00
532.25	Items for re-sale	251.50
100.00	Paid to State for state produced items	240.00
355.50	Resale items paid to other Branches	0.00
36.00	Bank Fees	36.00
8,151.26	Library Payments	7,742.00
7,036.86	Sundries	9,969.93
2,841.53	Assets/Capital	1,524.56
1,413.73	Administration Payments	2,406.45
\$25,797.84	Total Payments	\$25,356.44
\$16,101.09	Closing Balance	\$8,377.92
	Investment Account	
22,827.64	Investments as at 1st April 2019	30,125.59
0.00	Less Transfer to working account	
6,500.00	Plus Transfer from working account	0.00
797.95	Plus Interest accrued on investments	557.44
\$30,125.59	Balance as at 31st March 2020	\$30,683.03
\$1,000.00	Imprest Account	\$1,000.00
\$47,226.68	Total cash reserves	\$40,060.95
\$166,295.90	Value of Assets as at 31st March 2020	\$166,761.82

Signed.....
Treasurer

Date.....15.4.2020.....

ATTACHMENT: Hobart Branch Annual Financial Report 31st March 2020

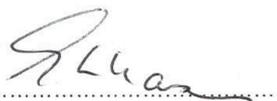
Sundries Itemised

RECEIPTS

GRO Certificates	425.00
	<u>\$425.00</u>

PAYMENTS

GRO Certificates	543.93
Digitisation	9,185.00
PO Box	162.00
Term Deposit	0.00
Gifts	79.00
	<u>\$9,969.93</u>



Treasurer

14.4.2020

Date

RESOURCE MANAGER'S REPORT

Annual Report 2019–2020

We continue to operate with three volunteer library assistants rostered on duty at any one time. We still experience 'very quiet open days' when member and visitor numbers are very low or non-existent. This year, we experienced 12 open days when no clients turned up at all. Despite this, our dedicated volunteers return to provide assistance on the next rostered occasion.

However, retirements continue and the number of people available for Library Duty is small. Our co-ordinator, Pam Campbell continues to struggle to maintain an active roster on a regular basis.

When Tuesday rostered groups are found to be short in numbers or overwhelmed with researchers requiring assistance, Jude Mudaliar and I have continually made ourselves available to provide additional help. However this tends to deplete the available time we have to carry out work associated with our other voluntary roles.

The 'Bookshop' remains a major source of income. Mail order purchases of publications, some 41 separate orders, have helped maintain sales figures.

LIBRARY USE:

During our financial year members used the general facilities of the Library on approximately 319 occasions and there were at least 119 visitors.

These figures represent an 11% decrease and a 40% increase of visitors, on last year's attendances. Considering our closure in mid-March and recommended isolation policies pertaining to the pandemic, these figures are quite good.

Of particular interest is the increase of Interstate/Overseas visitors to visit our branch library. Compared to last year's attendances, there has been a 7% increase.

Outside of normal opening hours, the Library premises continue to be used on an almost daily basis. Administrative staff, Committee members, Library Committee members, Volunteer Researchers, Publications Group and Project teams contribute to much of this daytime activity.

The Branch continues to host the Society Secretariat (providing facilities for 2 out of 4 Executive Officers), State Sales Officer, Membership Registrar, Lilian Watson Award Co-ordinator, and Journal Distribution positions and we provide storage space and operational facilities for them; as required. The Society's Web manager and the By-Laws Coordinator continue to operate from our premises.

The Library continues to function due to the hard work of a small number of people who work 'behind-the-scenes' in supportive roles:

Jude Mudaliar catalogues all publications and maintains our accession indexes. **Pam Campbell** maintains the Library Assistants roster and acts as minute secretary to the Library Committee.

Brenda Richardson repairs books, prepares displays and completes numerous projects on my behalf, to make our collection more accessible. **Ann Hay** continues collecting *Mercury* pages for copying into a digital format for future indexes. **Lyndal Ayers** prepares the indexes, Clint Ayres proofreads them, and the indexes are now appearing on our 'in-house' computers in an easily searched format. **Carol Hardwicke** launders our towels.

Lyndal Ayers, our Assistant Treasurer continues to carry out our banking and together with Brenda Richardson, conducts the quarterly stock take of publications in the 'bookshop'. **Lyndal** continues to refine the role of Membership Registrar for the Society. **Clint Ayers**, as Assistant Resource Manager and continues to 'streamline' many of the functions of my office. He excels in the role of our Computer Co-ordinator. **Robert Tanner** continues to work on the CSI database, adding many additional entries and refining many older ones.

ACCESSIONS:

Over the past financial year of the Branch, we have formally accessioned a total of 76 additional print items: 80% of these were complimentary or donated items.

Print material purchased, cost approximately \$616.00 while the 'replacement value' of the donated material has been estimated to be approximately \$1,688.00.

Our CD collection has increased by a further 10 sets: six of these were donated items.

Purchased material (with donated funds and is part of a memorial collection to honour the late Joyce O'Shea) cost \$139.50 whilst the 'replacement value' of the donated material has been estimated to be approximately \$187.00.

The 2019/2020 year has again been an exceptional one for donated material. Thank you to all those many supporters who have enhanced our collection with their generous donations.

Multiple donations of accession material were received from: Alan Baker, Doris Banks, Bayview Secondary College, Sheelagh Procter, Colleen Read, Judy McCutcheon, Louise Rainbow, Beverly Richardson; and Robert Tanner; besides the many others who gave individual donations.

EQUIPMENT:

The computer network system in the Library continues to meet our growing requirements for on-line and in-house researching thanks to the on going care of Clint Ayers.

One unit was replaced, due to old age, and upgrades of other stations may soon be required.

The Konica Minolta colour laser printer continues to allow us to easily digitise material and print publications, colour brochures, and price list booklets at a very economical rate.

Printing of branch publications is completely carried out in-house and the printing team of Brenda Richardson and myself are able to limit production to minimum quantities. Additional stock can be produced 'on demand'; effecting cost savings and reducing required storage space.

In addition to our maintenance of sales stock activities, the following new publications were produced.

Undertakers of Hobart Vol. IV—Index to H.C. Millington Pty Ltd Funeral Records, Part 10 April 1973–November 1975

Index to Government Appointments from Tasmanian Gazettes, including Constables, Postmasters, Poundkeepers, etc. Vol I, 1814–1833.

Index to Government Appointments from Tasmanian Gazettes, including Constables, Postmasters, Poundkeepers, etc. Vol II, 1834–1838.

Undertakers of Hobart Vol. II—Index to Alex Clark & Son Funeral Records, Part 2, Nov 1907–Dec 1920.

'Joyce Purtscher' publication printed on behalf of the branch was:

Tasmanian Index of Children & Families—Contained in files of SWD1 (Neglected Children's Dept).

'Irene Schaffer/V.D.L & Norfolk Island' publications printed on behalf of the branch were:

Nature In Its Wildest Form 2019 Reprint.

Theatre Royal and Criminal Courts 2019 Reprint.

Maurice Appleyard
Resources Manager

1 April 2020

WEB MANAGER REPORT 2019-20

We have now had about a year's use of the new branch web site which was constructed by Andrew Cocker. It is a more modern site replacing the older one which I constructed many years ago and which served us well at the time.

The new web site is designed to allow notices of meetings, book sales, and other items to be edited easily by me and Maurice. This system seems to be working well and we owe a big thank you to Andrew.

Robert Tanner
Web Manager
April 2020

DNA GROUP ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

The Hobart Branch DNA Interest Group meets to share information about interesting developments in our DNA exploration, and members volunteer to present new research skills or tools they have been working on.

With up to 30 people attending face-to-face meetings each month, we had outgrown the library at Bellerive and had to find another venue. We eventually settled on St Mark's church hall in Bellerive, which has parking and plenty of space. We use the screen at the hall and the branch's wonderful new data projector. Attendees had indicated they were happy to make a small contribution towards the cost.

I recorded a presentation on Interpreting DNA results which was shown at a January General Meeting of the Branch and is now available to be viewed at the Branch Library and on the Facebook Group site. The 'TFHS Hobart DNA Interest Group' on Facebook is a closed group with membership open to any TFHS member; there are now 46 members. It currently hosts 4 video presentations by Ros and Andrew Cocker which can be viewed online.

In October, I did a DNA afternoon with Launceston Branch members. During seniors week last year I did an afternoon of 1-hour pre-booked sessions with members of the public, and I also do one-to-one sessions with members, as time permits.

Since life as we knew it closed down, the DNA Interest Group has been meeting by Zoom for an hour on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. This is a good interim way of staying connected, especially for those who are otherwise isolated.

Ros Escott
Convenor

RESEARCH REPORT 2019 - 2020

For many years the Hobart Branch Research Officer has fielded many enquiries and completed research for a number of clients locally, nationally and from further afield.

The advent of Ancestry and the availability of LINC digitized records online have seen a slowdown in research enquiries. However, we still receive a steady stream of enquiries, mostly where advice only is required. Requests are usually for single items, for example; Undertakers records or location of cemeteries and burial plots.

I look forward to another interesting year in research.

Louise Rainbow,
Research Officer.

SPEAKER PROGRAM 2019-20

(including Media Liaison)

As Speaker Coordinator, my principal challenge is to find people who have an interesting story to tell, **and** are willing and able to speak at our meetings, **and** who have not told the same story elsewhere recently — a difficult task given the number of other active Tasmanian organizations with an historical focus.

Sincere thanks to all guest speakers for their efforts in preparing and delivering their talks. Again this year we were treated to some excellent presentations.

Thanks to *Friends of the Orphan Schools* who have hosted our meetings at St Johns Park. While the pandemic has stopped those monthly meetings, the branch committee is examining other ways for speakers to deliver their talks to members.

Notices of meetings have been posted in the branch Facebook page, along with reports on events and shares of information found elsewhere that may be of interest to members. It has been gratifying to find our Facebook page attracting a larger audience, currently about 1,240 followers (an increase of 200 in the last 12 months).

Note two events where a panel of speakers gave short talks. We are exploring other topics where this format may work.

I thank the regulars who make my efforts worthwhile. Thanks are also due to everyone who has suggested speakers and I hope that suggestions will continue to flow. If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics, please email me at speakers@hobart.tasfhs.org

Month	Speaker	Title
April 2019	Christine Spry Maureen O'Toole Colleen Read Ros Escott	<i>Family Bibles</i>
May	Craig Mackie	<i>The Crown versus Campbell and Sparkes</i>
June	Dr Pru Francis	<i>Father Martial Louis Frederic Mary – Missionary Georges Bay NE Tasmania</i>
July	Prof Stefan Petrow	<i>Remembered Philanthropist, Forgotten Premier - Alfred Kennerley in Tasmania 1857-1897</i>
August	Robert Tanner	<i>Visiting Great Gran Spaulding – Launceston to Dunalley in 1937</i>
September	Ged Lagerewskij	<i>Lesser known chapters from Tasmania's military past</i>
October	Richie Woolley Ross Lincoln Ros Escott	<i>DNA Stories</i>
November	Eddy Steenbergen	<i>Spending a Penny Underground – Underground toilets of Hobart</i>
January 2020	Ros Escott	<i>DNA Video Presentation Launch: Interpreting your DNA results</i>
February	Joyce Purtscher	<i>Indexing the Neglected Children Register [SWDI]</i>

Eddy Steenbergen
Speaker Coordinator
Media Liaison Officer

COMPREHENSIVE SUBJECT INDEX [CSI] 2019-20

The major development in CSI this year has been that Launceston Branch is now using CSI. This has necessitated a number of changes.

For many years, effectively, Hobart has been the only branch seriously using the library version CSI although the on-line version, which is basically a sub-set of the library version, has been more widely used. Consequently over the years additions, alterations, etc., were done with Hobart in mind. So adding in Launceston has produced some problems requiring changes to the program. The online version lists what branch has the item, whereas the library version gives more detail such as the call number, which enables the user to locate the item within the library.

Hobart Branch has been using CSI to record accessions as well as the original purpose of the program, a comprehensive subject index. It seems reasonable to separate out this activity. This is currently being carried out. This has been done by setting up a separate database for accessions. Other branches do this in their own way, sometimes by written records only, and this could continue. For those who wish to have an electronic accessions database, the current accessions database could be made branch specific and used by any branch who wishes to use it.

As a result, CSI has become a society project whilst the accessions database remains a branch project. Entry to CSI needs to be centralised, and this is currently done within Hobart Branch by me.

Robert Tanner
CSI coordinator.

1 April 2020 (a very appropriate date!)

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT 2019- 20

The monthly Branch Newsletter is compiled from information received from the usual sources - the Secretary, Resource Manager, Society members and journals obtained from the internet. Thank you to all those who have contributed this past year, it has been greatly appreciated. A special thank you to my proofreaders, Julie Kapeller and Louise Rainbow. Information from members is most welcome and makes the job much easier.

Printed copies of the Newsletter are provided at our library reception and at general monthly meetings. It is also possible to find a copy at the TFHS website by navigating to Resources > Helpful Documents > Past Newsletters.

We seem to have the best way to send out the TFHS Newsletter successfully to all those that wish to receive it.

Judy Crossin
Newsletter Editor

LIBRARIAN and LIBRARY COMMITTEE 2019-2020

During the past year the library has added around seventy volumes to its stock. Many donations have been received, including from Miss Procter, Robert Tanner, Louise Rainbow, and several others. These donations are always very welcome, and we thank the donors most sincerely.

The issue of shelving space is on going. The "Mercury" birth and marriage index cards have been sorted, burial card sorting is in progress; when this task is complete, cards no longer required can be disposed of, and this should allow space for more shelving, which is long overdue.

Long- time volunteer, Pam Jensen, retired at the end of last year, suitably acknowledged by the Society. Her services will be missed, but we wish her a happy retirement. Brenda Richardson, while still working at the library, is no longer available to assist clients, and we will miss her expertise in English research. One of our more recent volunteers has experience in Croatian research, and knowledge of the language, so will be a valuable asset.

Maintaining a full complement of assistants to assist clients has become a problem this year – perhaps the enforced break will encourage members to offer their services.

There have been some issues with the accession/CSI programme, which will need some attention in future months.

The Library was included in Bellerive's "This Place Matters" programme; a number of visitors attended, and some became members.

My thanks go to the Committee for their support during the year.

Judith Mudaliar

Librarian

MONDAY GROUP REPORT & PUBLICATIONS REPORT 2019-2020

Another busy year with Monday Group volunteers enthusiastically working on various projects in the library and lots of hours at home indexing & checking as well.

Colleen, Thelma and Christine spent many hours at TAHO scanning five very cumbersome volumes of Alex Clark Undertakers books 1907-1961.

The Millington Burial books project has continued with another 28 books being photographed. These are 1976-1979 and equates to over 6400 more photos.

All the photographing, scanning, indexing, checking, double-checking & triple-checking has resulted in the following publications this year:

Index to Government Appointments from Tasmanian Gazettes Vol. 1 1814-1833.

Index to Government Appointments from Tasmanian Gazettes Vol. 11 1834-1838.

*Undertakers of Hobart Vol. 11 – Index to Alex Clark & Son Funeral Records Part 2:
Nov 1907 - Dec 1920.*

*Undertakers of Hobart Vol. 4 – Index to H C Millington Funeral Records, Part 10:
Apr 1973 - Nov 1975.*

In August we attended our usual Volunteers Afternoon Tea at the Library. In December at our annual Christmas lunch, all members of the Monday Group were presented with a *Certificate of Appreciation* from President Louise and the Hobart Branch Committee.

Every Monday the tables have been filled with enthusiastic workers and amongst all that laughter and some talking there has been lots of work done. We even gained a new member this year – welcome Judy Crossin.

Thank you everyone for all your hard work, it is very much appreciated by the Branch.

And thanks to Colleen for all your help and guidance again this year and for fine-tuning our work and turning it into some very professional looking publications.

Due to isolation recommendations, Monday Group came to a sudden stop in March.

I hope everyone is well and taking advantage of the break by getting in some personal research. I look forward to seeing you all when it is safe to do so. In the meantime please stay in contact.

Julie Kapeller

Coordinator

SECRETARY'S REPORT

As was the case last year there is little to report. The main role is preparing and distributing papers for the monthly Committee meetings, distributing emails to relevant Committee members, and fulfilling any letter writing commitments and demands. Another role I undertake is the taking of speaker notes at our monthly general meetings. These are then prepared for inclusion in the Branch report submitted for inclusion in *Tasmanian Ancestry* along with comments from our President.

Email is the principal form of inwards communication and much of it is dealt with by Clint Ayers (membership queries, printing of newsletters with the assistance of Brenda Richardson) publications queries (Maurice Appleyard) and research (Louise Rainbow). Minutes of meetings are ably taken by Julie Kapeller. I thank all these people for their service and assistance.

This year the Committee has sought to increase its promotion of Tuesday evening meetings. To this end I have accepted the role of preparing the meeting notice / advertisements and these are now emailed to an increasing group of Southern Tasmanian local historical societies and libraries. As well as ABC Radio. The meeting attendance figures below suggest a modest improvement in numbers attending meetings.

I am indebted to Clint Ayers for his collection and recording of 'snail mail' and to Julie Kapeller who is the Minute Secretary at our monthly committee meetings. They deserve a special (and extra) 'Thank you' for their efforts.

Eleven general meetings were held during the membership year at the Sunday School, St John's Park Precinct. As mentioned in the Speaker Coordinator's Report, attendance at these meetings does not accurately reflect the quality of our presenters and of their presentations.

Reports of all presentations are included in the Branch Report published quarterly in Tasmanian Ancestry.

Howard Reeves
Secretary

**LIBRARY COMPUTER MANAGER and
ASSISTANT RESOURCE MANAGER REPORT**

Report 2019-20

Projects & Computer Resources

The digitisation and Indexing of The Mercury personal announcements from 2005 onwards continues, with the index as far as October 2015 completed awaiting proofing. 2005 & 2006 are on Branch resources as a searchable index. 2007 will be available in the short term.

There have been a large number of research resources made available on the branch computers throughout the year, some purchased by the branch but many through members generous donations. several CD's were donated and it became a lengthy exercise to review them and remove those that either did not work, were duplicates of CD's already held or the information was readily available on the Net. The remainder were added to our burgeoning library.

Computers

On the equipment side of things, the power pack on COM 6 computer failed in July and it was decided to purchase a new desktop. A refurbished Computer was sourced through Connecting up, an organisation that provides technology products, services, training, and resources to the not-for-profit sector at a heavily discounted price. The machine is a Dell OptiPlex 9020 SFF i5 4590 computer, 3.3GHz 8GB and is 64 bit. Unfortunately some of our older resources will not run on this particular machine.

Clint Ayers
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