



# Launceston Historical Society Inc

**Newsletter No 65**

**April 2001**

## **APRIL**

### **Annual Symposium**

**Saturday 28th April**, at St John's Church Parish Centre, St John Street, Launceston.  
Registrations and morning tea will be from 10.00 - 10.30 am

The theme for the annual symposium is "**Federation**" and four members of the Society have agreed to speak. The speakers and their subjects are:

Dr Richard Ely	the life and work of Andrew Inglis Clark
Peter & Gwenda Webb	the first Tasmanian members elected to the Federal parliament
Sheila Burchill	the celebrations in Launceston at the time of Federation
Professor Michael Roe	Tasmanian state politics (1901-4) and the financial difficulties created by the new federal system.

The registration fee for the Symposium is \$12.00 and this includes luncheon and refreshments

Registration is essential for catering purposes so please return the registration form included in this newsletter to the Secretary by the 20th April 2001. For further information contact the Secretary (6334 5622) or President (6344 5258).

### **Annual General meeting**

Members take notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday, **28th April 2001** at **St John's Church Parish Centre, St John's Street**, at **3.00 pm**

The ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to:

- a. confirm the Minutes of the 2000 Annual General meeting

- b. receive the Auditors' and President's reports
- c. elect the officers of the Association and the ordinary committeemen
- d. appoint the Auditor and determine his/her remuneration
- e. transact special business of which notice in writing has been given to the Secretary at least one week before the date of the AGM

## **Election of Committee for 2001**

All positions on the Executive Committee will be declared vacant at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations of candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and seven (7) other members are required. The duties of the Secretary may be split and nominations for a Minutes Secretary and/or Correspondence Secretary will be accepted. Nominations for candidates for election should be made in writing signed by two financial members of the Society plus the written consent of the candidate should reach the Secretary on or before the 20 April 2001. If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies, the candidates nominated shall be declared elected and further nominations shall be received at the Annual General Meeting. A nomination form is included in this newsletter.

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## **MAY**

**Sunday 20 May:** 2.30 pm at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery theatrette

**Marian Walker** will be speaking on '**The Pioneer Avenue between Launceston and Hobart**' that was planted between 1935 and 1939 as a tourist attraction. Marion is a graduate from the University of Tasmania and she has fifteen years experience in the travel industry. Tourism development and history are her areas of interest. She is currently a student at the School of History and Classics at the University of Tasmania, Launceston campus, where she is studying for a PhD on "Tourism Development in the Twentieth Century".

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## **New Members**

The President and Executive would like to welcome the following as new members of the Society.

Rod Ashman  
Barbara & Rudi Rechberger  
Dr Hamish Maxwell Stewart

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## **Advance Notice**

**Sunday 17th June:** Professor Henry Reynolds - Topic to be advised

- Sunday 15th July:** Jill Cassidy - '**John Walker, Roderic O'Connor and the first Cataract Mill**'
- Sunday 19th August:** Dr Janet Critchett - '**Overstraiters**' from Van Diemen's Land on the **Portland Bay District** frontier
- Sunday 16th September:** Dr Hamish Maxwell Stewart **Convict Relics at the Queen Victoria Museum**
- Sunday 21st October:** Anne McLaughlin, **Behind closed doors: domestic life in six Tasmanian historic houses.**
- Sunday 18th November:** End of year function

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### Membership

### Renewals

We remind members that have not renewed their membership that their annual subscriptions are now overdue. Please check on the cover page of this issue of the newsletter to see whether you are a financial member or not. If your membership has not been paid please use the form below and forward to the Treasurer at PO Box 1296, Launceston, Tasmania 7250.

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### James

### Fenton

### Commemoration

James Fenton, historian and author of three books (*The History of Tasmania*, *Bush Life in Tasmania fifty Years ago* and *The life of the Rev Charles Price*) died at his residence, 69 Balfour St, Launceston on 24 June 1901. He was buried in the Charles St Cemetery, (now Ockerby Gardens). He arrived in Hobart from Ireland in 1834 and went to live at Forth in 1840. He was the first settler in the Central Coast region. The North West Region of the National Trust has organised a commemoration on Sunday 24 June, the centenary of his death. The program for the day is as follows:

10.00 am Talk on Fenton by Peter Mercer and display of Fenton material at Ulverstone Local History Museum then

Travel to Forth to visit the various sites where Fenton lived including "Lenna", his last residence at the Forth.

1.30 pm Launch of the *Fenton Commemorative Volume*, (published by members of the Fenton family), MacKillop centre, William St, Forth. While the book consists largely of a reprint of a series of articles written by Fenton, titled "Old Times" and published in *The North West Post* in the latter part of 1892 and early 1893, it also includes other relevant material.

3.00 pm Unveiling of a commemorative cairn at Forth. The cairn incorporates part of Fenton's headstone, from the Charles St Cemetery, which was salvaged by members of the Fenton family.

Persons wishing to attend should make their own arrangements for lunch and transport.

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## NOMINATION FORM

**2001 Annual General Meeting - Saturday 28th April 2001**

We, the undersigned,  
nominate .....

as:                   President  
                          Vice-President  
                          Secretary (Minutes and/or Correspondence)  
                          Treasurer  
                          Committee member

Proposer.....Seconders.....

Nominee.....

Forward to: The Secretary, PO Box 1296, Launceston, Tasmania, 7250

## RENEWAL OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

(due 31st January 2001)

**PLEASE PRINT**

Name

Address

Single:	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$20.00	Family	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$30.00
Pensioner	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15.00	Pensioner family	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00
Student (full-time)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00	Corporate	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$40.00

\_\_\_\_\_ copies of 2001 Papers and Proceedings @ \$10.00 (including \$  
postage) -----

Total (enclosed) \$  
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Send to: The Treasurer, PO Box 1296 Launceston, Tasmania 7250

## REGISTRATION FORM

**2001 Symposium - St John's Church Parish Centre, St John Street  
Saturday 28th April**

I [Name].....wish to register for the 2001  
Symposium

Address.....

Enclosed is a cheque for \$12.00 for the Registration Fee that includes luncheon and refreshments.

Please return with payment on or before 20th April 2001 to the Secretary, PO Box  
1296, Launceston, Tasmania, 7250.