



**LAUNCESTON
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**ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION
of AUSTRALIA (TAS)**

HISTORY SEMINAR

Sunday 21 September 2014

Meeting Room, Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Inveresk

10.00 Registration

10.30 **Peter Henning, *Tasmanian Nurses in the Second World War: Breaking the Silence***

During the Second World War, Tasmanian nurses served in the Middle East, Greece, Ceylon, Malaya, New Guinea, and the south-west Pacific; and they worked on hospital ships. But hitherto they remained silent concerning their experiences and also have been largely ignored. Based in part on interviews with the nurses themselves, this talk will throw some light on their wartime involvement. Peter Henning's book – *Veils and Tin Hats*, published in April 2013 – tells the story of the military nurses.

11.30 **Anne Green and Dr Thomas Gunn, *Writing the History of St Giles***

St Giles provides support to children with disabilities and to their families. When Anne Green was commissioned to write its history, she found that, while there is a full and comprehensive official record such as minute books, St Giles is essentially about people whose stories need to be told. She and Thomas Gunn augmented the written records through interviews with many of those connected with St Giles. Anne's history of the St Giles Society, *Wheelchairs and Billycarts*, was released in 2013.

12.30 Lunch

1.30 **Alis Wood, *Jessie Luckman, in her own words***

Jessie Luckman passed away this year at the age of 104. A member of the Hobart Walking Club since 1936, she scaled most of Tasmania's most remote mountains in the early days of bushwalking, counting herself lucky that she was able to participate in what were essentially exploring trips. An early conservationist, Jessie worked to have parts of Mt Field National Park protected; and she was a pianist with the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra. Radio producer and emerging writer, Alis Wood, who interviewed Jessie Luckman on several occasions, is in the process of writing a fictionalised account of her conservation efforts.

2.30 Afternoon tea

Cost \$25 Prior registration is essential for catering purposes.

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