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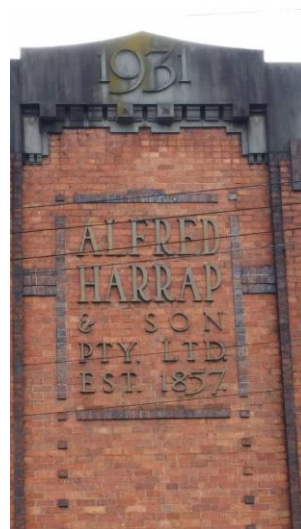
## LHS activities for 2020

Launceston Historical Society meetings are usually held at the meeting room, Queen Victoria Museum, Inveresk, on the third Sunday of the month at 2pm, unless otherwise notified.

Due to the coronavirus the **meetings in red have been postponed**. We are hoping to hold our August meeting, but we need to wait until the Museum is open again and gatherings of more than 100 people are allowed. In the meantime, stay safe.

Earlier talks are being uploaded on our website, so catch up on ones you missed or listen to them again: <http://launcestonhistory.org.au/lhs-lecture-series/>

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| <b>21 June</b>      | <b>Dr Alicia Dennis, Pugh Day Lecture</b>   |
| <b>19 July</b>      | <b>Dr Rebe Taylor, <i>Into the Heart of Tasmania. A search for human antiquity</i></b>  |
| <b>16 August</b>    | <b>Robert Smith, <i>William Henry Clayton: an amateur's perspective of the legacy of the architect in Tasmania and New Zealand</i></b>  |
| <b>20 September</b> | <b>Dr Nic Haygarth, <i>Who killed the Tigers? A preliminary analysis of applicants for the Tasmanian thylacine bounty 1888–1909</i></b> |
| <b>18 October</b>   | <b>Nigel Burch, <i>Sir Richard Dry, our greatest hero</i></b>   |
| <b>2 November</b>   | <b>Excursion to Waddamana Power Station Museum (Monday long weekend)</b>  |
| <b>15 November</b>  | <b>Duncan Grant, <i>Churches in Northern Tasmania part 2</i></b>  |



Cimitiere streetscape & detail on Alfred Harrap building, April 2020.

# Global Premium (Fragrance) Hotel Site

On 14 May 2020 the City of Launceston approved the construction of a new 12-storey 'Warehouse Hotel' incorporating the heritage listed Alfred Harrap & Sons Wool Store (1925-31), Wilson Bros Plumbers & Coppersmiths (1908) and Rankin & Bond Brass Foundry (1899) in Cimitiere Street. The Dorset (1855), Terminus, now Clarion Hotel on the corner of Tamar and William Streets is to be transformed into a 55-room 'Boutique Hotel'. It is disappointing that the Council allowed such a high building (43 metres) to be constructed in this heritage precinct. However, it is much better than the original proposal of 25 storeys at 70 metres high! The upside is, that the heritage buildings are to be restored as part of the deal. Here are some early newspaper articles on the development of two of the historic buildings that survive today.

**Dorset Hotel**, Tamar and William Streets, Launceston.

**Launceston Examiner, Tuesday, 15 January 1856, page 1**

John Hely begs to inform passengers per steamers, country settlers, and the public generally, that he has opened the above-named hotel, which is replete with every convenience. It combines comfort with economy, civility with attention, spacious and lofty bedrooms, private sitting rooms, coffee and commercial rooms. Wines and spirits neat as imported; ales and porter (in bottle and wood) of the best quality. Good stabling and coach houses, and steady ostlers. J. H. respectfully solicits a share of public patronage. Families supplied at wholesale prices. [An unpainted red brick Georgian building.]



**Terminus Hotel, circa 1890, publicans John Tynan, father then son. Libraries Tasmania.**



**The Clarion Hotel is to be renovated as part of the new development, Marion Sargent, 2017.**

## Terminus Hotel

**Launceston Examiner, Friday, 6 May 1887, page 3**

The tender for other important improvements in this locality has just been let, Mr. J. Tynan, of the Terminus Hotel, at the angle of Tamar and William streets, having decided to erect new premises in connection with the present main building, which will not only be an ornament to this portion of the town, but will provide more adequate accommodation for the increasing business incidental to the hotel.

Tenders were called for the construction of various additional buildings, and the following were received : Messrs. J. and T. Gunn, £5500; Mr. J. T. Farnilo, £5423 ; Mr. F. Bushby, £5386; and Mr. D. Scott, £4875; the last named being accepted.

The ground is being quickly cleared, and the commencement of the new building will be commenced without delay, although it is expected that the erection will consume a period of 12 months. The improvement will comprise a three-storey building in Tamar-street, to correspond with the style of the existing hotel, having a frontage of 40ft., which will be occupied with a dining-room, kitchens, etc., and 18 bedrooms. In William-street the building will extend over a frontage of 100ft., going back towards Cimitiere-street with a depth of 167ft. This suite of buildings will be two-storey high and will include the erection of five shops with billiard-room over, to the front of the street, besides a large grain store with two floors each, having a dimension of 56ft. by 30ft. In the yard new stabling will be provided to accommodate 15 horses. The plan has been designed by Messrs. Corrie and North, architects. The intended building will be of brick and stone, of the English period of Queen Anne style of architecture, with a handsome arched recess balcony.

## **Alfred Harrap & Son, Wool Stores**

**Examiner, Saturday, 12 September 1931, page 9**

Real property news. The building industry and the home. Wool stores.

Substantial Extensions. A City Enterprise.

A substantial addition to Messrs. Alfred Harrap and Son Pty. Ltd's. wool store in Cimitiere-street is being effected, the work having been commenced a week ago. The new premises, an elevation plan of which appears on this page, are to front on Cimitiere-street and Tamar-street, and should be an improvement to that particular section of the city.

The new premises will be two storied, of brick and concrete, with steel stanchions and girders inside, supporting upper floor and roof. The foundations are of concrete, taken down through filling and river silt, to a good solid bottom. The floors throughout will be of wood, and the roof of wood and iron framing, of saw-tooth type. The roof covering is to be of special corrugated fibrolite from Hardie and Co. The use of these sheets minimise trouble from condensation, which is so prevalent with the ordinary unlined roof in this climate.

The street fronts to Cimitiere and Tamar streets will be carried out in two colour brickwork. This depicts the front to Cimitiere-street. That to Tamar-street will be on similar lines. The effect should be very good, though very simple and unostentatious, as is usual with the work of this type, which is built for purely utilitarian purposes. The main feature of the exterior design is the large steel windows on each front to the lower floor, with large panes at bottom for show purposes. These windows are being made locally by the Phoenix Foundry Pty. Ltd.

The floor space of the new part will be about 11,000 square feet. The upper floor will have exceptionally good lighting, due to the sawtooths being closer spaced than usual, and will make a fine wool show floor. The ground floor will be well lighted by large steel windows on streets, and from the sawtooths of the old part on the west.

A job of this description is a great boon to the city at a time like this, and Harraps Pty. Ltd. are to be commended for their enterprise in going ahead with the work. With the exception of the steelwork, and special roof covering, the whole of the materials used will be of local manufacture, and the steelwork will be fabricated here by Salisbury Foundry Co. This means employment of a large number of people, including the men in the bush and the millers who have had a very slack time indeed. The bricks will come from Hutton's yard. Messrs. Hinman, Wright, and Manser Pty., the contractors, despite the very bad weather experienced, are making excellent progress with the job, which must be finished in time for the forthcoming wool season. The work is to be carried out from the drawings of, and under the supervision of Mr. Colin E. Philp, A.R.A.I.A., 122 Abbott-street, Launceston.



**Alfred Harrap & Son's wool store, corner of Cimitiere & Tamar streets, 1940s.  
DG Wherrett, QVM:2006:P:0081**

## Members' Column

**New members:** The President and Executive welcome to our Society the following new members: Julia Francis and two sons and Roclyn Ives.

**Vale:** Margaret Deacon, a long-time loyal member, sadly passed away on 30 May 2020.

**Membership Form + charge for visitors to attend meetings:** A membership form is available on our website: [Membership Form.pdf](#). Sunday meetings are free for LHS members, and \$4 for visitors.

**LHS Archaeology Group:** Contact John Dent: [john.dent@pda.com.au](mailto:john.dent@pda.com.au)

## Our History

These stories on Launceston's history have been contributed by our members. You are welcome to send articles of 470 words, with at least three pictures, to the president [marionsargent@bigpond.com](mailto:marionsargent@bigpond.com). Read the stories in *The Sunday Examiner* or on [Facebook](#). Note the changed requirements.

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## Deadline

Items for the next *Newsletter* should be sent to the editor by **1 Aug 2020** at [marionsargent@bigpond.com](mailto:marionsargent@bigpond.com) or PO Box 1296 LAUNCESTON TAS 7250.