



200th Anniversary of Mechanics' Institutes in Australia (Hobart & Launceston, March 1827)

Advance Notice

Friday 19th March 2027: Hobart

Opening: Reception at the State Library (from 5.00pm)

Speaker: Margaret Blow

Saturday 20th March 2027

Hobart: Walking tour led by Ian Morrison: *Lost Libraries of Hobart*

Morning tea: Visit to Wesley Hall 58 Melville Street

home of the Van Diemen's Land Mechanics' Institution 1840 -1871

Travel to Launceston with lunch at Ross and a visit to its Reading Room.

Launceston: Afternoon tea at the Launceston History Centre
to see progress on the Jenny Gill Archive and the
Launceston Mechanics' Institute collection.

Sunday 21st March 2027: Launceston Seminar

9:00am to 3.30pm at Queen Victoria Museum & Art Gallery, Inveresk

Keynote: Dr Susan Marsden – the significance of the LMI collection

Peter Richardson – Subscription Libraries in Launceston

Mike McCausland – Preserving the LMI Heritage Collection

Jordana Lory – Evandale Subscription Library: the stories within

Lunch at QVMAG

Launceston Historical Society's John West Memorial Lecture

QVMAG Inveresk 2pm

Stefan Petrow – Early Mechanics' Institutes in Tasmania.

For more information or to receive email updates please advise –

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