



# Launceston Historical Society Inc

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**Sunday , 12 November** : “Sealing & Whaling”, the George Town & District Historical Society’s biennial conference.

The speakers, including Henry Reynolds, Peter Mercer, Dale Chatwin and Scott Millen, will tell the story of sealing and whaling both locally and worldwide. The topics covered include the people, the activities, trade and products. There will be a demonstration of scrimshaw carving, book sales and lunchtime entertainment. The cost of the conference is \$25.00 (includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea). Enquiries and registrations to George Town and District Historical Society, PO Box 288, George Town, 7253, phone 6382 2351 or 6382 2046.

**Sunday , 19 November** : 2.30 pm at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery theatre

All members are invited to join in the festivities at the Society’s 2000 Christmas function. Members. This function marks the end of a successful year for the society. A program of festive season activities is being arranged for the members. If anyone has an item they wish to give, please contact Jillian Koshin (6326 6236). All members are asked to bring a plate of special Christmas Fare.

If back from the printers, the 2000 Papers and Proceedings will be distributed to those members who have paid for them at this meeting.

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## 2001 *Examiner* - John West Memorial Lecture

The Executive is delighted to announce that the 2001 *Examiner* - John West Memorial Lecturer will be eminent historian, **Professor Geoffrey Blainey**, Emeritus Professor University of Melbourne, and former chancellor of the University of Ballarat. Among the many books published by Professor Blainey are *The Peaks of Lyell*, *The Rush That Never Ended: A History of Mining*, *The Tyranny of Distance*, *The Causes of War*, *Triumph of the Nomads*, *A Land Half Won*, *The Blainey View*, *Eye on Australia* and *A Shorter History of Australia*. The lecture will be given at 8.00

pm on **Friday 2 March** at the Sir Raymond Ferral Centre, University of Tasmania, Launceston campus.

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## **AGM and Symposium**

Plans are well under way for the next annual symposium held in conjunction with the Annual General meeting. Both will be held on Saturday 28 April 2001, at the St John's Parish Centre, St John St, Launceston, As 2001 marks the centenary of the Federation of the Australian colonies, the Executive has chosen "**Federation**" as theme for the Symposium. So far the following have accepted invitations to speak:

Professor Michael Roe  
Dr Richard Ely  
Sheila Burchill  
Gwenda and Peter Webb

The Executive is awaiting a reply from another prospective speaker. Full details of the day's programme and cost, together with a registration form, will be included in the first newsletter in the New Year.

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## **Fuller papers**

A small sub-committee continues to work on collecting background information on the people and buildings mentioned in George Fuller's letters containing his "Recollections of Launceston 1836-1845". These letters are a valuable historical resource on early Launceston and the Executive is working towards publishing them in an annotated volume. If you are not already involved in this worthwhile work and would be willing to conduct research into one of more of the people mentioned please contact Anne Bartlett (6344 5258) or Barbara Valentine (6334 5622).

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## **Programme for Jan-June 2001**

**Sunday , 19 February** : Jill Morris on 'Launceston literary ladies'

**Friday , 2 March** : Examiner-John West Memorial Lecture by Professor G Blainey

**Sunday , 25 March** : Jillian Koshin on "The Life of Eric Reece"

**Saturday , 28 April** : Annual Symposium and AGM

**Sunday , 20 May** : Marian Walker on 'The Pioneer Avenue between Launceston and Hobart'

**Sunday 17 June** : To be finalised

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## **Membership Renewals**

As a result of the amendment to clause 30 of the Constitution being passed unanimously at the Special General Meeting of the Society held on 17 September, the financial year of the Association is the period beginning the 1st February in each calendar year, and ending on the 31st January next following.

Thus membership fees for the next year fall due on 31 January 2001. Please use the form below when making your payment. Payments may be made in person to the Treasurer, John Morris at monthly meetings or forwarded to p has not been paid please use the form below and mailed to PO Box 1296, Launceston, Tasmania 7250.

## RENEWAL OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

(due 31st January 2001)

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Student (full-time)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$	Corporate	<input type="checkbox"/> \$	\$
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\_\_\_\_\_ copies of 2001 Papers and Proceedings @ \$ \$  
 10.00 (including postage) -----

Total (enclosed) \$  
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