

Annandale Archaeology Dig

Monday 21 to Friday 25

November 2022

The Launceston Historical Society Inc archaeology group, with landowner approval, is holding a community based archaeological dig at “Annandale” at 675 Pateena Road, Longford in the week of 21 to 25 November.

Aims:

We aim to investigate the floor of a two-storey stone building and nearby house to try to determine its date of construction, its original purpose and who built it. This follows on from a similar successful community dig held in April 2021. We will be digging in the northern room as well as a nearby house site possibly dating back to the 1830s.

Participants:

Members of the Launceston Historical Society are invited to actively participate in the Annandale dig. If you are not yet a member you can join for \$25 or other concession amounts, see the LHS website for details.

What you'll do:

You will learn about how archaeology can be used to locate evidence from a particular site to answer questions such as the age of the building and how the building may have been used over time. You will also learn about archaeological processes such as locating and stringing up a trench, how to dig a trench, recording a site and taking photos. There will be some hands-on excavation and you should be able to kneel for some of the day so only those with appropriate fitness levels should participate in this. There may also be artefact washing and sorting tasks depending on what we find. You will receive a certificate of participation and a copy of the final report once it has been prepared.

Archaeologists:

Darren Watton and Ian Edmondson from Southern Archaeology will lead the dig to introduce participants to the art and science of practical archaeology and what happens on a real dig.

Cost:

\$70 per person per day or \$50 for part of a day. If you want to be there the whole five days then a discounted rate of \$300 can be arranged. This cost is put towards the production of a professional report on the dig (an essential output for a dig like this). Archaeologists and trench supervisors are donating their time for the actual dig days and for artefact analysis as part of this community awareness exercise.

Meals:

You will need to bring your own food (morning tea and lunch) and drinks. Some water will be available on site, but you will need to bring enough water to keep yourself hydrated.

Bring:

Appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes/boots, gloves, hat, sunscreen, a trowel if you have one and a fold up chair if you have one. A raincoat and warm clothing may also be required. We will work in all weathers. A port-a-loo will be on site. All other tools and equipment are supplied.

Meet:

9am at 675 Pateena Road each day. A map will be sent to registrants.

Numbers:

Limited numbers of no more than 20 per day will apply.

Enquiries:

John Dent 0408 133 656 or john.dent@pda.com.au

Payment and Registration:

Name: _____

Contact details mobile: _____ email: _____

Days attending:	Monday 21 st Nov	_____	(if only attending morning or
(Please tick)	Tuesday 22 nd	_____	(afternoon please put am or
	Wednesday 23 rd	_____	(pm next to each day.
	Thursday 24 th	_____	
	Friday 25 th	_____	

Payment:	_____ days @ \$70 per day	= \$ _____
	_____ half days @ \$50 per half day	= \$ _____
	Full week @ \$300	= \$ _____

Total \$_____

Payment details; (Please tick payment method)

Cheques payable to Launceston Historical Society Inc. _____

Payment can be made by post to PO Box 284 Launceston.

Or **direct debit** to Launceston Historical Society Inc at _____

Commonwealth Bank BSB 067 003 A/C No. 2804 8638.

Please ensure "your name" and "dig" are on the payment.

PLEASE email this form to John Dent at john.dent@pda.com.au