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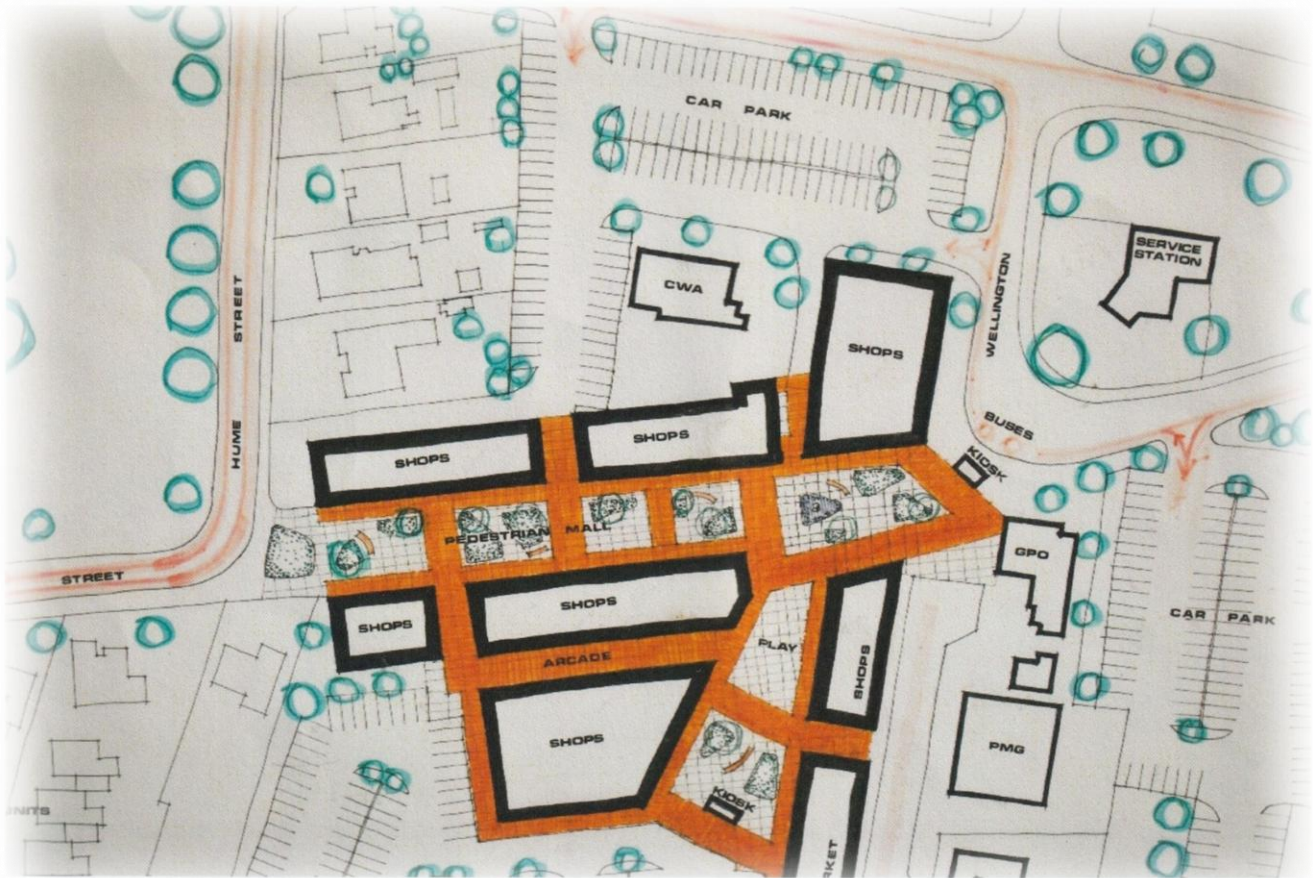
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ARCHITECTURAL WALKING TOUR OF LINDISFARNE

By Susan Gardner



On Saturday 17 January, 25 eager people gathered at the Rotary Rotunda next to the L.C.A.C., keenly anticipating an interesting morning. We were not disappointed! Clarence City Council Heritage Officer, Alan Townsend, took us on a fascinating tour around our beautiful suburb. We were all given a stapled sheaf of photos to accompany the talk.

Alan first pointed out the pine trees at the edge of the park which were in our first photo. We then looked at the Arts and Crafts house opposite us which was built for Mr. Seager and later became the Manse for the Church of England. Little has changed, we saw the sandstone columns holding up the portico and noticed the wooden shingles all original, above this.

In stark contrast, next door was the 1960s glass and metal building which used to be the Savings Bank of Tasmania, but serving an important role in our village. It has since become a café/restaurant.

Across Lincoln Street, our attention became focused on St. Aidan's Church. Designed by Alexander North, it was to be built in stages, the first one completed in 1925 and then added to in 1962. It is a fine example of his work with beautiful stained-glass windows on its northern side. The church hall, originally positioned on the upper corner of what is now the East Derwent Highway and Lincoln Street was moved to beside the church on small but strong wheels.



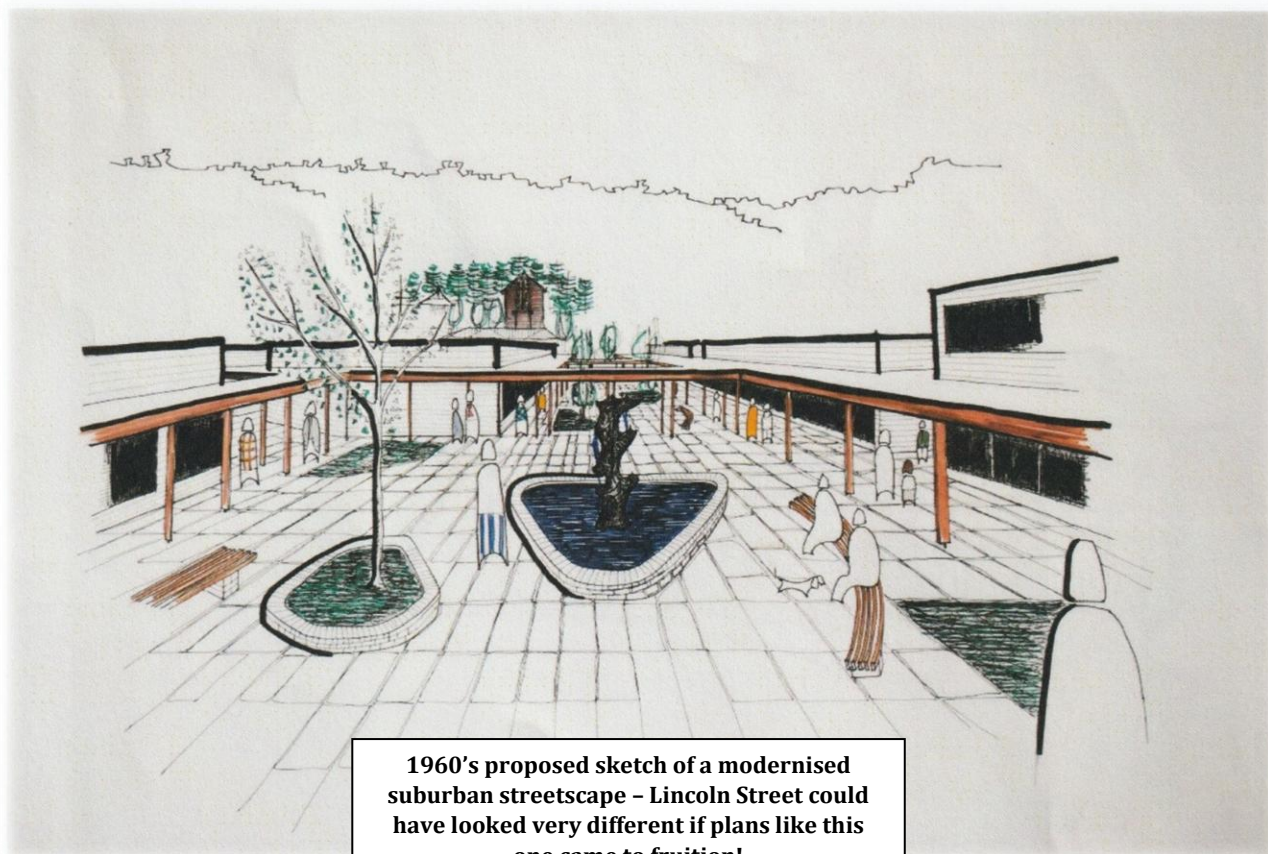
ABOVE: The Arts & Crafts House, situated at 5 Hume Street, photo c.1923. Notice the sandstone columns holding up the front portico and its shingle roof – they're still standing after 100 years.

LEFT: image of St Aidan's interior showing the stained-glass windows.

We then walked down past more 1960s architecture; what was Purity Supermarket, now Woolworths, built in 1963 in a horse paddock, completely blocking two Federation cottages in Wellington Road. Walking on we stood looking up Lincoln Street which may have looked startlingly different. Alan spoke of the 3 drawings in our paperwork done in the 1960s when councils were

looking at modernizing our suburban streetscapes.

Next, we walked on to the first schoolhouse on the corner of Lincoln and Park Road. Now a private residence, it once had the schoolroom with the residence of the teacher attached. The headmaster was paid but was most probably assisted by his unpaid wife.



1960's proposed sketch of a modernised suburban streetscape – Lincoln Street could have looked very different if plans like this one came to fruition!

After this, we walked down Lincoln Street and onto Talune Street comparing our photo of the Magnificent Salamis (home of Mathew Wilkes Simmons), now in Koluri Court. It once sat in 40 acres of extensive grounds which went right down to the water. We also looked at several interior shots. These are very rare as not many people had access to flash photography.

On to the corner of Eldon Street to a well-preserved house called unusually, 'Newaliya'. This was owned by a Mr. Williams who was once a police Inspector in India. The well-kept front garden was once laid out in the shape of the Union Jack. Obviously a very patriotic gentleman.

We then made our way around the bay to the house called 'The Moorings' on the esplanade.

It was built for Seager in 1912 and was later owned by Bruce Goodluck. The last leg of our walking tour took us up Milford Street and across Lincoln Street to the house built by Charles Simmons and now occupied by Councillor Beth Warren. Beth kindly let us walk around the garden looking at the two phases of the house, one in sandstone, the other in wood.

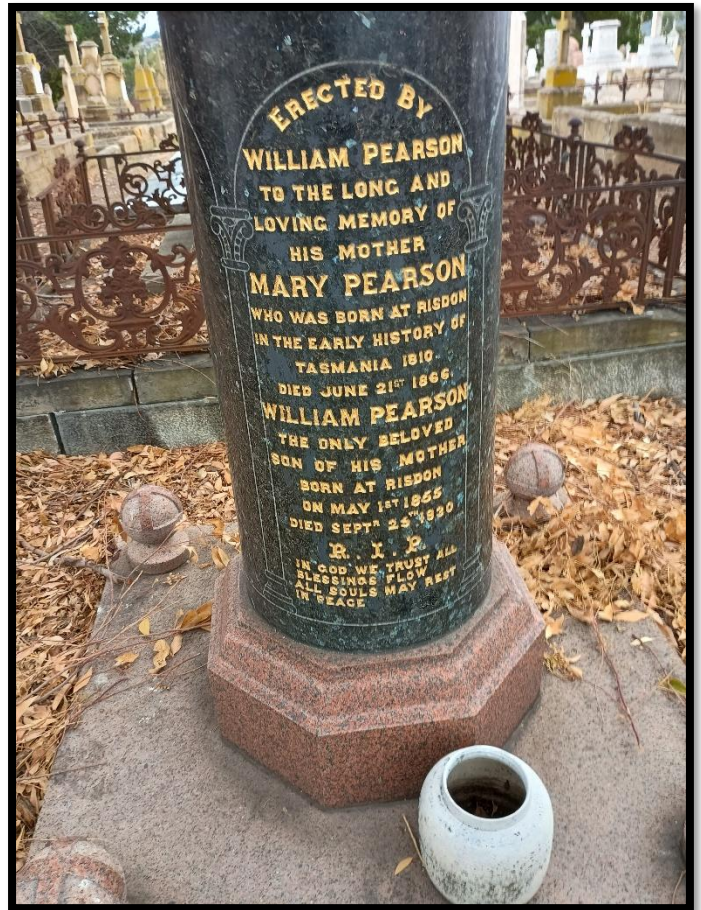
Thus ended our morning. All in all, a fascinating look at buildings in Lindisfarne led by Alan. It was well researched and presented in Alan's usual laconic and humorous style! We look forward to more.

FRONT COVER: Colorised postcard images of early Lindisfarne pre-bridge days.

L.H.S. MEMBERS TRIP TO CORNELIAN BAY
WITH MAREE RING

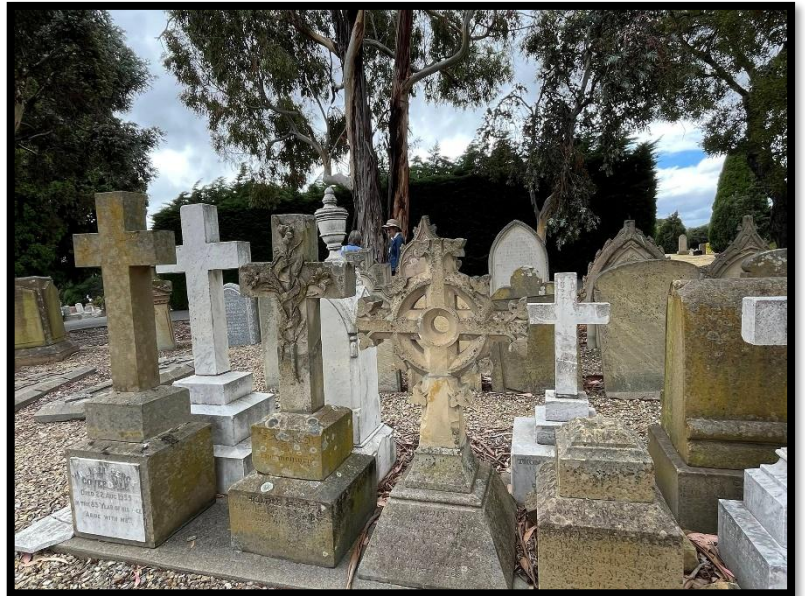
On Monday 19th January L.H.S. members were taken on a visit to Cornelian Bay Cemetery. Historian Maree Ring escorted us and was full of information on the many areas we covered, including the Jewish Cemetery, the Paupers area, Martin Cash and Mr Tattersall's graves and two separate children's areas (C of E and Catholic) - and who were the Pearsons?

Following the visit members had a most enjoyable lunch at the Black Buffalo Hotel in North Hobart.





Historian Maree Ring



SOME SYMBOLS FOUND ON HEADSTONES AND THEIR MEANINGS

Cross, Anchor, Heart – Faith, Hope and Charity

Anchor – Sailor - Hope

Book/Bible - the Book of Life and is often shown as a Bible.

Broken column – early death

Clasped hands one female with lacy cuff; the man with a plain cuff

Drapery over book/column - Sorrow, mourning

Harp - Irish

IHS – iota, eta, sigma – or of the Latin phrase Iesu Hominum Salvator (Jesus, mankind's Savior)

Ivy – Immortality, eternal life.

Lily - Innocence, purity, and resurrection.

Manchester Unity - MU on one of the headstones – Manchester Unity, an organization that had "Lodges" was MUIOOF. The initials "IOOF" stood for Independent order of Odd Fellows". These days is simply "Manchester Unity", a health benefit society. M and U with a hand upright between. The hand has a heart on it. Thomas Williamson, 1838 – 1890. (CofE section H)



Orthodox Cross

Rose -

- Just a bud: a child 12 years or under
- Partial bloom: a teenager

- Full bloom: normally in early/mid-twenties. The deceased died in the prime of life.
- Rosebud, broken: life cut short usually found with a young person's grave.
- Rosebuds, joining: strong bond between two people (e.g. mother and child who died at the same time)
- Rosebuds, several on same branch: secrecy
- Rosette: The Lord, messianic hope, promise, love.
- Wreath of rose: Beauty and virtue rewarded.

Shamrock – Irish

Shell - the scallop shell – symbol of the pilgrimage of life



Square and Compass – Masonic.

Star of David (6 points) - for God's universality/ a sign of protection (Jewish)



Thistle – Scottish

LINDISFARNE HISTORICAL SNIPPETS

CONTINUED...

By Ross Butler

Sourced from Audrey Hudspeth's "Outline History of the Development of Lindisfarne."
(1992)

The Beltana Town Board operated between 1895 and 1907. Audrey Hudspeth says that during this time the settlement developed its particular character that is still, today, strongly felt.

Some weatherboard houses were used as holiday cottages and others as permanent homes. Many were built within a few years of each other resulting in a pleasing homogeneity of style. Hudspeth identifies sandstone residences built by Cranston, and the "prosperous" Queen Annes from before 1907 as important in preserving the essential character of the first Beltana/Lindisfarne.

Before its expiry the Town Board developed the new school in Rowitta Rd (now Government Offices) to replace the original school on the corner of Park Rd and Lincoln St.

Also, the distinctive Congregational Church and the Golf Club's Club House were built.

The next significant development was the acquisition by the Beltana Land Company in 1910 of the "Rosny Estate" of 668 acres of freehold land with a River Derwent frontage of about three and a half miles. Essentially it was present day Rosny through to Shore St, Rose Bay.

By 1912 about 60 acres of land in what is now Rose Bay had been subdivided into allotments for sale. An important adjunct was the building of a jetty at South Lindisfarne. This O'May jetty, called the "bottom" jetty, and the Municipal jetty, called the "top" jetty were replaced by the Hobart marine Board in 1933 when the jetty off Ford Parade was built.

ROSE BAY

ROSNY ESTATE SUB-DIVISION

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL MARINE SUBURB OF HOBART.

Unsurpassed View of the Derwent, Hobart, and Surrounding Mountains.

WITHIN 12 MINUTES FROM HOBART WHARF.

The first Section of this Estate, consisting of 150 blocks, each about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre, will be offered to the Public by

Auction on the Ground on SATURDAY, February 17th,
at 3 p.m. sharp, by Messrs. BURN & SON, Auctioneers.

These Blocks are delightfully situated on the Eastern Side of Lindisfarne Bay, facing the River Derwent and Government House, and are the plek of the Eastern Shore. New Roads, 66 feet wide, have been made through the property. A New Jetty has been erected immediately in the centre of the sub-division. A Promenade, about 100 feet wide, has been reserved from high-water mark to the edge of front allotments.

TITLE—R.P.A. Each purchaser will receive his Title Free of all expense, other than his own Solicitor's charges.

TERMS—Twenty per cent. Cash Deposit, balance by Cash or 20 equal Quarterly Instalments, bearing interest at 5% on unpaid balances.

PLANS and PARTICULARS from the Auctioneers, or T. A. TABART, Jun., the Secretary of the Company, Club Chambers, Collins-street.

REFERENCE—Messrs. FINLAY, WATCHEORN, & CLARK, Solicitors, Murray-street.

NOTE—Intending Purchasers will be landed at the Rosny Jetty any day by 11.15 a.m. and 3.15 p.m. O'May's Steamers from Hobart and Steamers leaving Lindisfarne at 11.45 a.m., 4.45 p.m., will call at Rosny Jetty on Return Trip.

A FREE STEAMER PASS TICKET

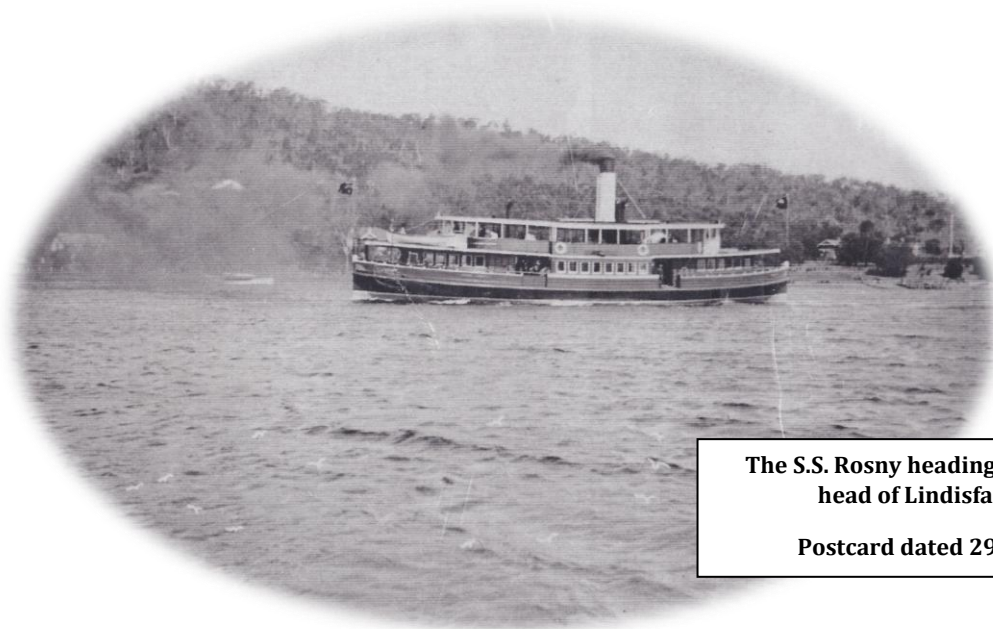
Will be issued to each purchaser of land, such pass to run for 2 years from the time that building operations are commenced, provided such operations are continued to completion.

Advertisement from *The Mercury*, 17th February 1912, page 7.

An encouragement to land purchases was the free ferry pass for two years for a purchaser from the commencement of building. Blocks with a frontage of sixty feet cost from about £25.

"Lindisfarne" went over to the Rosny Estates and Ferry Company.

Further problems led to much grumbling by Lindisfarners with further changes of services



The S.S. Rosny heading up toward the head of Lindisfarne Bay.

Postcard dated 29-11-1913.

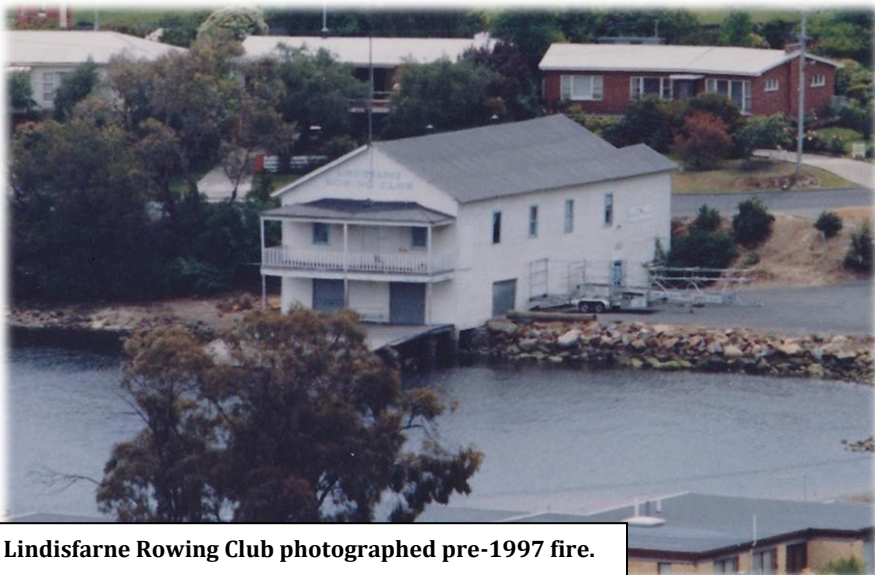
The O'Mays hoped by their involvement in land development there would be a great increase in ferry services. World War 1 and then the Depression hindered this considerably.

Nevertheless, a new ferry was constructed for the Lindisfarne run, the Rosny. The fares increased from 1913 through to 1920 causing much indignation. This resulted in 1920 in the formation of the Lindisfarne Ferry and Mutual Store Company which bought the store on the site of the now Lindisfarne Clinic carpark.

This venture was supported by a Ladies Committee running bazaars, second hand clothes sales and afternoon teas on the vessel named "Lindisfarne". Despite this voluntary support, the project failed and the

through the 1930's until the 1943 construction of the floating bridge.

Further significant changes between the Wars to the Lindisfarne Bay were the building of the Lindisfarne Rowing Club's building, later to be destroyed by fire in 1997, and the removal of the wooden causeway over what is now part of Ford Parade.



Lindisfarne Rowing Club photographed pre-1997 fire.

FEBRUARY MEETING

What a wonderful start to the year! Our first meeting for 2026, held on Monday 23rd February, drew a large crowd of attendees, no doubt desirous to hear from our guest speaker – local butcher Bob Mundy. Bob's shop Mundy's Meat Supply is situated in Geilston Bay just off the East Derwent Highway, at 2 Derwent Avenue.



Mundy's Butcher shop as it looked pre-renovations, circa 2014.

BOB MUNDY - 70 YEARS AS A BUTCHER

By Susan Gardner

Bob was born on 22th November 1941, the youngest of nine children, 4 boys and 5 girls. The family grew up at Nicholls Rivulet. The family moved to live in Moonah and Bob spent most of his primary school years at Bowen Road State School. By grade six they were living in Lauderdale in Bayview Road and Bob did grade six at Bellerive State School. Bob went on to do two years of secondary education at Albuera Street school for children who did not pass the high school entrance exam.

Bob's dad worked as a small goods man with one of his sons at the butchery in Geilston Bay two days a week. He was also good at repairing shoes for people in his spare time. His mum, as was usual in those days, was a stay-at-home mum.



Susan Gardner interviews Bob Mundy.

At 14 Bob stopped going to school and joined his father and brother, part time, at the butcher shop. The original shop was built by Owen Lord in 1952. At that time there were five butchers in Lindisfarne and Geilston Bay. By 1955 he was working full time at age 15.

In the 1950s and 60s butchers received their meat as carcasses, which were brought in through the front door, and prepared the cuts in the shop. This butcher shop had a large chopping block which was a large, solid tree stump.



The floor had saw dust on the floor to catch the blood and this is fondly remembered by the customers. These customers ordered sausages, chops and roasts, mainly beef, pork and lamb to

take home to their families. Chickens were only sold at Christmas time. Bob sometimes raised these in his own backyard and one Christmas 130 were killed in one night to fill orders for the following week.

Soon Bob had bought his first home for 1000 pounds in Lauderdale. By 1962 he had bought the business and took on his nephew, his eldest sister's son Chris, on as his first apprentice. Chris was only 3 years younger than him. The business had their own killing shed, a timber one, near Clinton Road, the highway now covers the site.

Bob was married by 20 and went on to have 3 sons; Grant, Dean and Shane. By now he had a house in Lindisfarne in Kent Street. Two of the sons went into the butchery business and Grant went into hospitality at the Bavarian Tavern. By this time Bob is married to Lyn and they live in Cremorne. They spent their spare time boating and fishing which they enjoyed very much. Bob also was a keen hunter and game, kangaroo and rabbit, found its way into the shop.

Grant's employer asked Bob if he wanted to buy the Bavarian Tavern but Bob could not raise enough funds without selling his house so said no. Grant then did a butchery apprenticeship and also joined the staff at the shop.

Bob thought about the trying the hospitality industry and went on to get the lease on the Telegraph Hotel just before the Tall Ships event in 1988. That New Year's Eve they took in \$30,000! Bob has gone on to own 4 more butcher shops. He has always been interested in livestock and has

worked as a judge at shows and likes going to the sales yards.

Bob and Lyn bought some acreage at Sandford to raise stock but after 7 years there found it was too dry. After judging at the Huon Show 20 years ago, they decided to buy 80 acres at Grove where they now live and raise mixed breed cattle, some for the shop. They travel to work five and a half days a week, leaving at 7am. Lyn is in charge of making pre- prepared meals at the shop which are very popular with the customers.

Chicken now represents 30% of sales along with the usual meats as well as fish, seafood and potatoes. The meat now comes in to the back of the shop in boxes and like the supermarkets, most comes from the mainland.

Bob said that during the last few years he has had no school leavers coming in to ask to do an apprenticeship which is rather worrying. He used to be inundated with enquiries,

Bob was an inaugural member of the Lindisfarne Rotary Club over 50 years ago along with Graham Burgess. He was president in 1982/3.

Eight years ago Bob and Lyn decided to expand the shop and it is now doubled in size and has a commercial kitchen and new cool rooms.

If you have not been along to the shop, go and buy some wonderfully fresh and well-presented produce and say hello to Bob, Lyn and staff!



TOP: Mundy's Meat Supply as it looks today (pictured here after hours!)

LEFT: L.H.S. stalwart Graham Burgess with Bob Mundy and Susan Gardner

Meeting photos courtesy of Steve Burgess

Society Meetings for 2026

Monday March 30th @ 2pm (AGM)

Monday April 27th @ 2pm

Monday May 25th @ 2pm

Monday June 29th @ 2pm

Monday July 27th @ 2pm

Monday August 31st @ 2pm

Monday September 28th @ 2pm

Monday October 26th @ 2pm

Monday November 30th @ 2pm

All meetings to be held at the **Lindisfarne Community Activities Centre (LCAC),
37a Lincoln St. Lindisfarne**, unless stated otherwise.

All are welcome to attend and afternoon tea will be provided.



L.H.S. FOUNDING MEMBERS

Pictured at our February meeting are Graham Burgess and Dorothy Cuthill. Graham & Dorothy are our 2 remaining founding members.

(The LHS was founded in 1992.)

Lindisfarne Historical **Society Inc.**

Notice of Annual General Meeting

WHEN: Monday March 30th 2026 @ 2pm

**WHERE: Lindisfarne Community Activities Centre,
37a Lincoln St, Lindisfarne**

Come along and have your say on the future of our Society.

**All positions on the Committee will be declared vacant and the Committee for 2026
will be elected.**

**If you are interested in nominating yourself, or another, for the Committee please
contact the Secretary, Susan Gardner, on 0418 289 732 or email:**

lindisfarne.history@gmail.com

All members are urged to attend.

Following the AGM our Guest Speaker will be

John Sargent

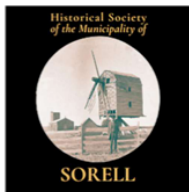
Boer War Boys from Bellerive

Afternoon Tea will follow the meeting.

Geoffrey Cashion, President: Susan Gardner, Secretary

SORELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEW HISTORY ROOMS OPEN!



Historical Society of the Municipality of Sorell Inc.

Sorell Memorial Hall
47 Cole Street, SORELL, Tasmania
W: sorellhistory.org

In December 2025 the Sorell Historical Society celebrated the opening of their new History Rooms in an extension to the Sorell memorial Hall. The Society invites members of the public to stop by for a visit.

The History Rooms display both physical items and digital screens to provide various avenues to engage with Sorell's history.

The new History Rooms are located on the eastern side of the Sorell Memorial Hall at 47 Cole Street Sorell, with entrances from the courtyard behind the CWA Rooms, or inside the main hall to the right.

According to their website, the History Rooms (staffed by volunteers) are open Wednesdays 9am-12pm and Saturdays 12pm-3pm.

WEBSITE: www.sorellhistory.org

RIGHT: Further to Ross's Lindisfarne Historical Snippets feature (pp. 8-9) here is an article from *The Critic*, (17th February 1912) concerning the Rose Bay development.

The Rose Bay Suburb.

The new suburb of Rose Bay, on the eastern side of the river is to be formally opened to-day, when a sale will take place of the allotments cut up for residential areas. The suburb, which is a part of the Roany estate, was recently purchased by a wealthy city syndicate, is situate on the south side of Lindisfarne Bay, and affords a splendid view of the harbor and up river scenery. No expense has been spared in laying out the streets, which run parallel to one another, and are a chain wide. Access is given to this charming spot (where until a few months ago the only sounds to be heard were the songs of the meditative magpie and the impulsive and impetuous minah) by a commodious jetty, on which stands a picturesque, roomy waiting shed fitted with public conveniences. Only fifty acres has been cut up, and as soon as settlement advances here the work of laying out the other section will be commenced. The whole scheme of the company embraces what may be termed assisted closer settlement of the best kind. Every thrifty person is given an opportunity to purchase a piece of land on terms that will give him no trouble to meet, and if he desires it he may later on acquire a home on the same conditions. Here is an opportunity for every hard-working, self-respecting artisan to be his own landlord. The bon bouche of the whole scheme of the Roany Land Company is its proposal to obtain a permanent water supply for the new suburb and its environs, and already the directorate are negotiating with the Hobart Corporation in this regard. From what we can gather no insuperable difficulties present themselves to carrying the water from the city across the river Derwent, and the land directorate were quick to see this. If these gentlemen succeed in their undertaking, and there is no reason for anyone to think otherwise, as they are all men of energy and push, they will confer on the eastern side of the river one of the greatest boons on earth, a copious supply of cold water.

Lindisfarne Historical Society

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