

Lindisfarne Historical Society Inc.

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*Christmas
Greetings*



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Christmas Greetings to all!

Another year has sped by and we have enjoyed some great speakers at our meetings throughout the year. A highlight of the year was our visit to Government House as part of our 30th Anniversary celebrations.

Next year our meetings will be reverting to the Monday afternoon time slot and we hope this will suit our members. Attendances at the evening meetings recently have not been high, especially in the winter months.

We are planning a day trip in February, excursions are always popular, so watch out for details.

There have been changes around the Village of late. We are pleased that Sally Lyn's has found a new premises (across the road) and will be secure for the future. Terry White Chem-mart has replaced the Amcal chemist and also opened a branch at the Lindisfarne Clinic. Birdy's Florist is

thriving at Currency Cafe. Banjo's is back in business following repairs, and a new food venue, Urban Kitchen and Grills, has just opened.

We are so fortunate to live in such a thriving and beautiful Village. There are too many great shops to mention all, but don't forget the CWA Shop, the Little Shop and the Unicorn Opportunity Shop - ***so no excuses not to SHOP LOCAL THIS CHRISTMAS!***

We wish all our Members and Friends a very Happy Christmas. We hope the holiday period will be relaxed and enjoyable and the New Year a peaceful, healthy and happy year.



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VALE KATHLEEN SCHRAMM

3.10.1942 – 22.11.2022



Kathie spent most of her life in the Lindisfarne area, attending St Cuthberts School as a child, and later attending St Mary's College. She was also a regular at the Church of the Incarnation, Lindisfarne, and involved with several groups and activities there. Kathie's faith was strong and she was farewelled with a beautiful service on 30th November.

Kathie had a large family, including 15 (soon to be 16) grandchildren whom she loved dearly. She very much enjoyed her visits interstate and overseas visiting those who did not live in Hobart. Ireland was a special favourite.

Kathie, a long-time member of the Historical Society, had been an active member of the Management Committee for several years. We will all miss her so much, at our meetings and in our lives.

Rest in Peace, Kathie



Cover Photo: Christmas Window Display, CWA Shop, Lincoln Street Lindisfarne, Dec 2022.



HISTORIC CLEBURNE HOUSE RISDON

By Reg A. Watson

Some years ago, as part of the end of the year Christmas celebrations, members of the Lindisfarne Historical Society (L.H.S.) enjoyed afternoon tea at the historic Cleburne House hosted by Penelope Ann and David Lander. Cleburne House provides luxury bed and breakfast accommodation and is situated at Risdon Cove hidden in the loop at the East Derwent Highway. Set on four acres, it is also home to alpacas, geese, chickens, wild ducks, one turkey and two dogs.

Built by Richard Cleburne (1799-1864) in the 1830s, the home was originally called Mount Direction. He had been granted 1560 acres at what was then called Uplands. In latter times it became part of the Halloran Estates operating their extensive apricot orchards. Richard Cleburne, who lived in Hobart Town, suffered a sad loss when his six-year-old daughter died under tragic circumstances. It may be a reason why he moved to the "country". He built it in two sections, the first Georgian/Regency then later Victorian, which incorporated French windows and a timber veranda.

Richard was an interesting man. He arrived free to Van Diemen's Land in 1821 and was very enterprising. He became a successful merchant operating from his store in Liverpool Street. Rumours circulated that he was involved in smuggling rum and other items, but to be fair, so was much of the colony. On one occasion he had eight casks of American tobacco confiscated on the

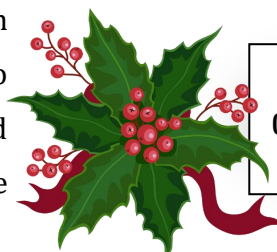
charge he did not pay duty. He won the case and the casks were returned to him.

Nonetheless, he continued to do well and is remembered for the fact that he opened up the first regular trade contact between Hobart Town and Melbourne in his vessel especially built for that purpose, *Blossom*. Interestingly, he bought an American whaler called the *South Carolina* and towed it to the bay to house his workers, but during a storm one night, it broke from its moorings and beached itself on the shore and that was the end of the *South Carolina*.

Richard, besides pioneering the Colonial Bank, was involved with politics, serving with the Legislative Council and vigorously opposed convict transportation. He died on the 29th October 1864 and was survived by two sons and eight daughters.

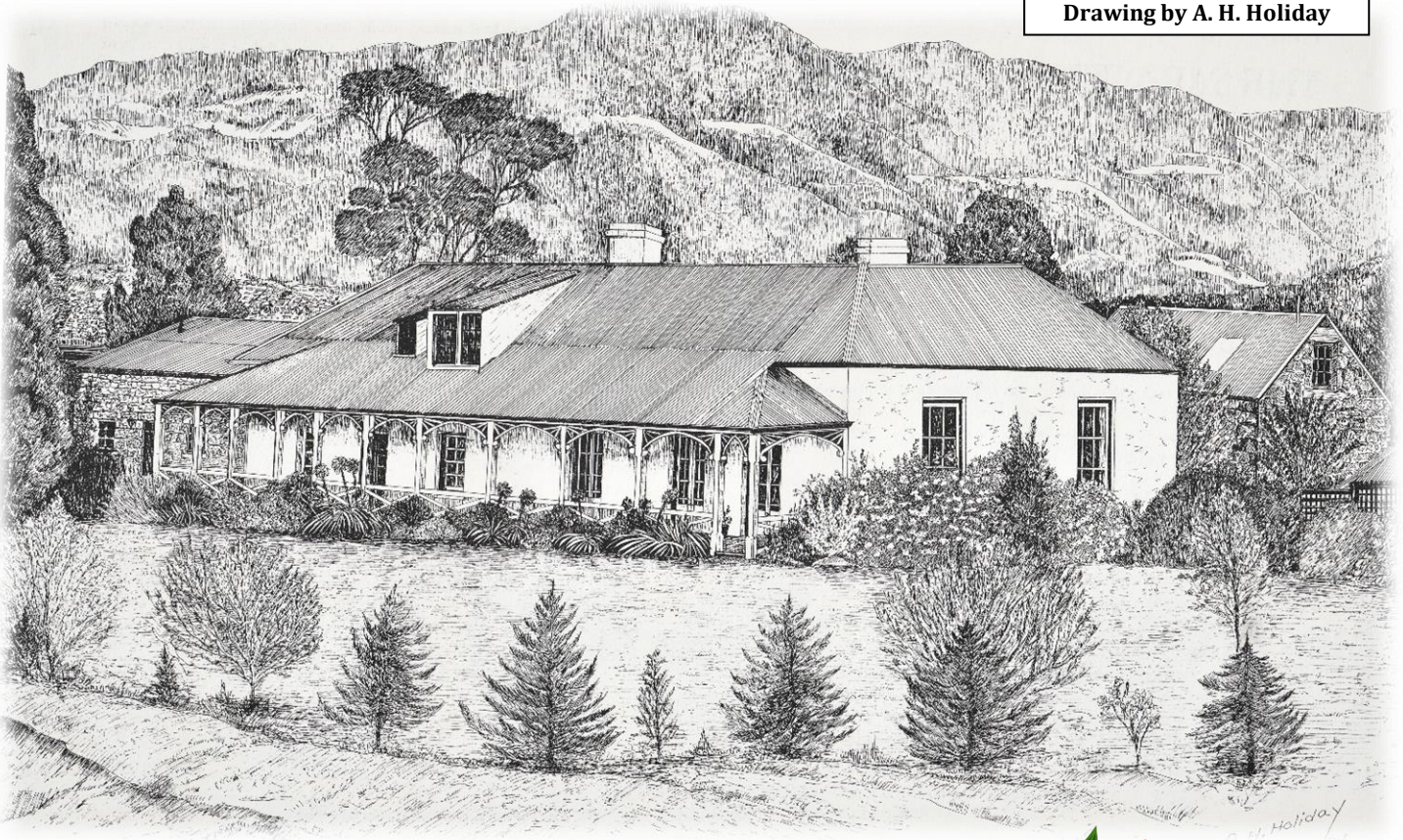


Richard Cleburne
(Source: Parliament of Tasmania Website)



Cleburne House, Risdon

Drawing by A. H. Holiday



He had married twice, firstly to Margaret Magill, who died tragically much the same way as their daughter, by burns, in 1837. He remarried in 1838, to Harriet Beauvais Miller.

There is a strong connection with the historic church at Risdon Cove, St Margaret's. Members of the Cleburne family are buried there with Richard building the church in 1867. Originally for the use of all Protestant denominations, it is now an Anglican church within the Parish of Lindisfarne.

During the afternoon, L.H.S. member Reg. A. Watson addressed the gathering on the history of Richard and his house as did host, David Lander.

The house is a gem on our door step.



A FAMILY HISTORY EXCURSUS!

Go on, reach for your old school dictionary.

In brief, an event, episode, ceremony, aspect, story, point from your life or family history. There are probably thousands of short digressions in the family narratives of our members that would amuse, sadden, shock or even infuriate readers of our newsletter.

Put pen to paper and share them! A sentence or two, a paragraph or more. Being a former teacher, Ross Butler is, of course, prolix, but length is what you think is suitable.

A LONG HISTORY OF MOTHERS SUPPORTING LINDISFARNE SCHOOL

It is now approaching 110 years since the first involvement of the Butler family with Lindisfarne State School. Alan Butler (born 1911) had all of his formal education on the present site of Lindisfarne North. He lived throughout his life at Lindisfarne, mainly at 24 Esplanade, at the head of the bay just above a lovely little sandy beach now covered by the park beside the rowing club.

His four children, Betty, Noeline, Ross and Stuart followed, of course in his path, with Stuart, the youngest the only one to attend at the present site of Lindisfarne Primary. Betty, Ross and Stuart were inspired by their wonderful teachers that they, in turn, had long careers as teachers.

The main point, however, of this brief historical note is to mark the contribution of their mother, Mrs Mary Butler, over the course of her children's education at Lindisfarne, to the Lindisfarne School Mothers' Club.

In this, Mary Butler was typical of many hundreds of other mothers (and now fathers, as well, through the Parents and Friends Association) in their devoted work supporting the education of their children.

One delicious memory the writer has is of the steaming hot cups of cocoa provided by the Mothers' Club to children at recess. In addition, of course, there was the organising of school fairs and other fundraising activities to provide additional library books, sports equipment and other improvements.

Mary Butler's contribution was a little wider.

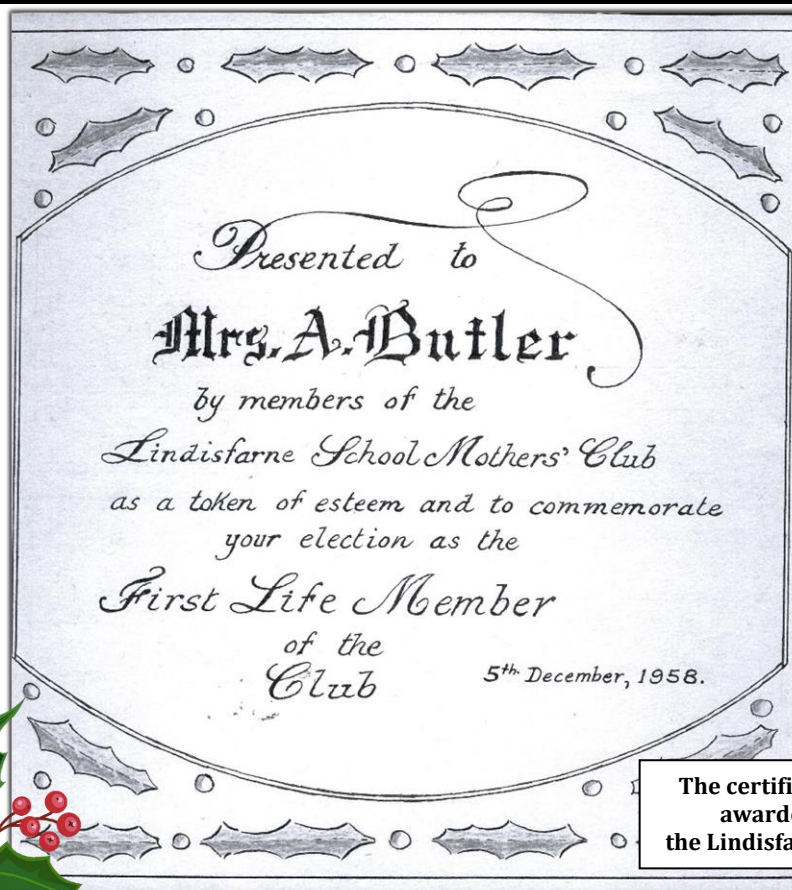
For about 25 years the Sunshine Home at Howrah (now a community sports and recreation centre) was used to give the underprivileged children from all parts of Tasmania a two-week holiday at the beach during term time. Many came from the North West Coast. Mary Butler's task was to travel to Wynyard on the Tasman Limited Train (about an 8-hour journey) to look after children picked up at many stations on the way to Hobart. After their two week stay of good food, fun and games at the beach and medical and dental care, if needed, Mrs Butler would accompany the children on the train back to their home towns.

Her own children didn't suffer of course. They were left in the capable hands of her husband Alan and eldest daughter Betty – except for the writer, Ross.

Ross would spend the time at his grandparents' (Ashton and Daisy Butler, both former residents of Lindisfarne) shop/news-agency, two doors along from the Customs House Hotel on the Hobart waterfront. A lovely week for Ross of reading all the comics without having to buy any and eating far more lollies and ice cream than would have been permitted at home.

In recognition of her work over many years for the children of Lindisfarne and elsewhere, Mary Butler was honoured by the Lindisfarne Mothers Club when she was made the first Life Member in December, 1958.





The certificate of Life Membership
awarded to Mary Butler by
the Lindisfarne School Mothers' Club



L.H.S. Society Meetings 2023

Monday January 30th @ 2pm

Monday February 27th @ 10am DAY TRIP

Monday March 27th @ 2pm (AGM)

Monday April 24th @ 2pm

Monday May 29th @ 2pm

Monday June 26th @ 2pm

Monday July 31st @ 2pm

Monday August 28th @ 2pm

Monday September 25th @ 2pm

Monday October 30th @ 2pm

Monday November 27th @ 2pm

All meetings to be held at the **Lindisfarne Community Activities Centre, 37a Lincoln St.**

Lindisfarne, unless stated otherwise.

REG WATSON



*Reg
Watson*

Reg Watson on Community Radio – 96.1FM

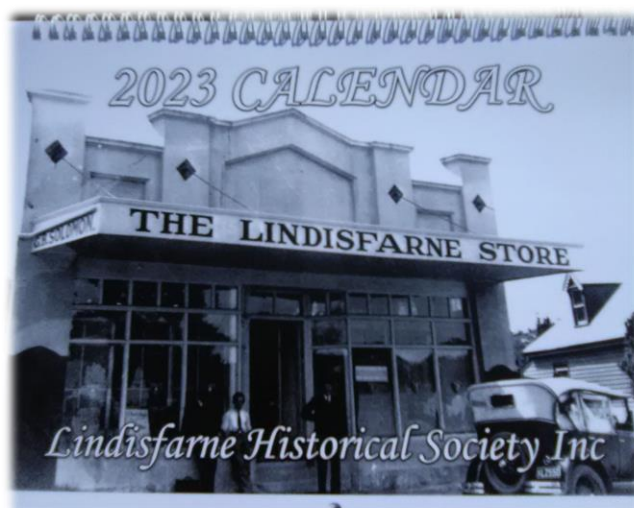
Rich & Colourful Tasmanian History

Reg's History Spot is aired on Community Radio 96.1 FM every Wednesday at 2:30pm. The programme consists of interesting historical snippets, interviews, book reviews, notices of what is going on around town in art and historic circles and great music. Be sure to tune in!

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L.H.S. CALENDARS

Be sure to grab your copy of the 2023 L.H.S. Calendar available from the Lindisfarne Newsagency, Lincoln Street and The Lindisfarne Community Library which is opened Mon-Fri 10am to 2pm and Sat 10am to 12 Noon.



See you in the New year!



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