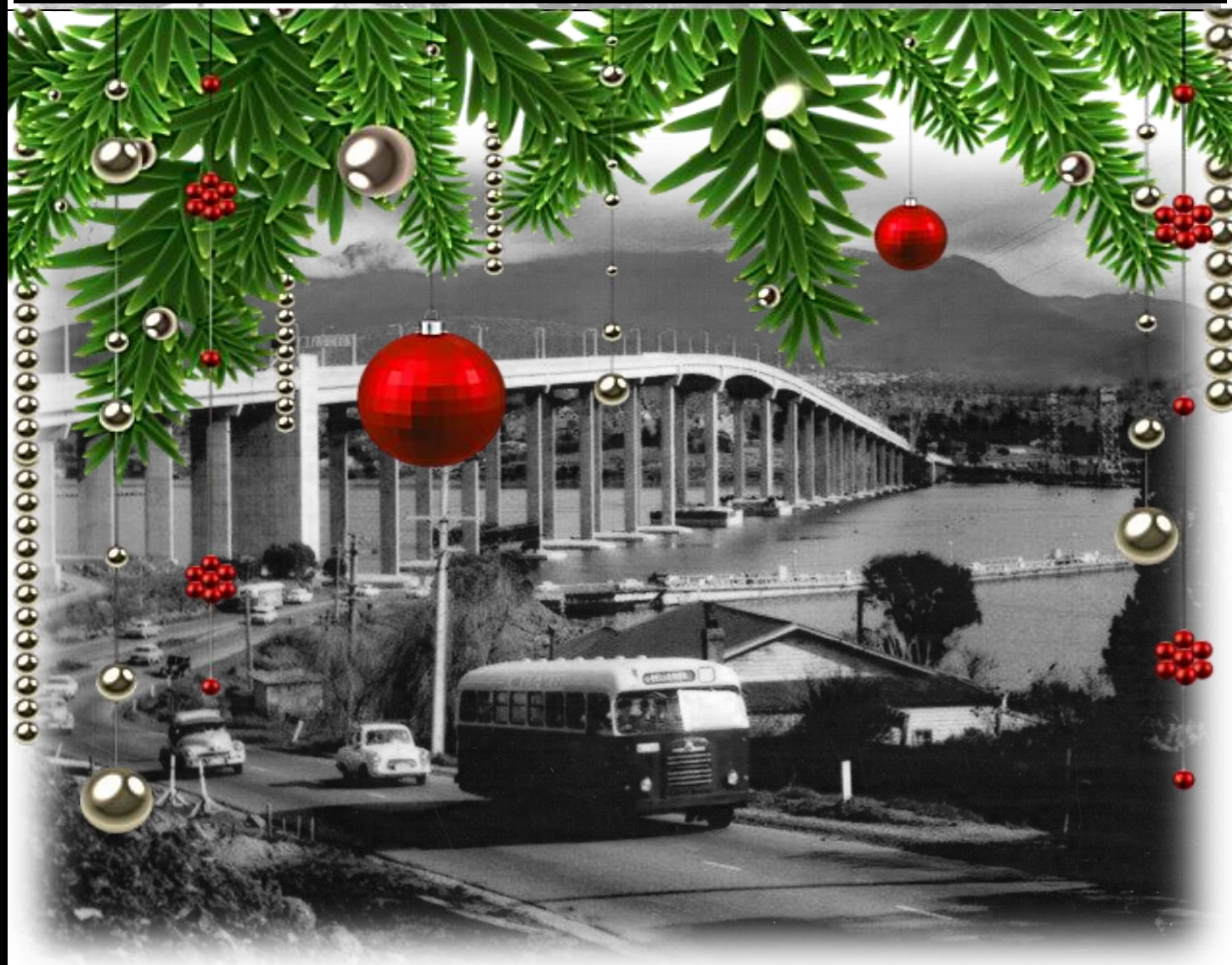


Lindisfarne Historical Society Inc.

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Season's Greetings

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

For young people time seems, often, to drag very slowly. Having reached the age of 80 in October 2023, I am sure that most L.H.S. members would share my rear view perception that the speed of time is very rapid indeed!

My father, Alan Sealy Butler, lived his whole life of 82 years in Lindisfarne. He caught the ferry to work for his first job as an ironworker and in 1975 for his last job as Manager of the Shoe Mart shoe store. There was no radio to enlighten or entertain his childhood. As a teenager and young man there were the pleasures of swimming in and rowing on the bay, football on the local rec, exploring the bush of local hills and racing his mates around the Natone Hill track.

I am sure he never experienced any anxiety about personal, social, political or commercial change, nor, I suspect, did he have in old age a sense of the passage of time as rapid as I have sensed it.

My sensory recollections of childhood and youth in Lindisfarne are, perhaps augmented by my present acute sense of time's passage, still very clear and precious. They include the stale smell of spilt milk that softened the floor of Alan Parsons' milk delivery dray, the smell of the horse's droppings, the sounds of rowers' paddles entering the water and the rush of their slides, the delightful sun-lit reflections of leaves of gum trees in sandstone rockpools of the lovely (especially at hightide) sandy beach down the bank in front of our 24 Esplanade home.

Educated to be a teacher at the expense of the State, I knew I would be unable to follow my

father's example of a whole life in Lindisfarne. It meant a first appointment as a teacher in 1963 in Launceston and in 1967 an expanded horizon of a kind never open to my father of three years teaching in Canada and travel across all of that wide country except for the island province of Newfoundland. I still have not toured around Australia!

Margaret and I returned in 1970 to add our Canadian daughter to my parents' grandchildren.

It was to be a further 25 years before circumstances led to my resuming residence in Lindisfarne. I was, of course, too old and too busy to try to revive youthful recreational activities of rowing, sailing and football. I imbibed, however, much of Lindisfarne's spirit, calm and beauty (including, of course, Geilston Bay and Rose Bay) following varied jogging routes.

History had been a major subject of my B.A. degree and I was delighted to discover the existence of the Lindisfarne Historical Society and learn so much more of Hobart's loveliest suburb. I still have so much more of the L.H.S. archives of reports and photos to explore to widen my knowledge and enhance my appreciation of a great place to live.

On behalf of the L.H.S. Committee I wish all our members a Happy Christmas and restful enjoyment of summer and we look forward to organizing interesting talks, excursions and enjoyable social engagement for you in 2024.

Ross Butler (President L.H.S.)

Cover: Lindisfarne Bus travelling through
Rose Bay, c1965.

L.H.S. CHRISTMAS LUNCH



WHEN: Wednesday 6th December @12noon

WHERE: MOTOR YACHT CLUB OF TASMANIA

1 Ford Parade, Lindisfarne

Join with fellow society members for lunch to celebrate another great year of activities with the
L.H.S.

**PLEASE PHONE GEOFF CASHION - 6243 7740
to book your spot.**



TERROR AUSTRALIS READERS AND WRITERS FESTIVAL



L.H.S. member and author Fran Read recently attended the Terror Australis Readers and Writers Festival held in Port Huon.

Fran is the author of "The Bay Boys" and "Sand, Flies and Marmalade Jam".

Amongst others Fran met Ann Cleeves, the author of the "Vera" books which are set in Northumberland, where our namesake, Lindisfarne, the Holy Island is situated.

**ABOVE: Fran Read, right, with
British mystery crime writer
Ann Cleeves, at The TARWF
festival held at Port Huon,
October 2023.**

**LEFT: Boats on Lindisfarne Bay.
Come to our Christmas Lunch at
the Motor Yacht Club in
December and have yourself a
glorious bayside dining
experience!**

LEGACY TORCH RELAY



The Legacy Centenary Torch Relay began in Pozieres, France in April 2023. Following a visit to London the Torch then travelled throughout Australia before finally arriving at Anzac Park, Lindisfarne, carried by the Governor, the Hon Barbara Baker, on Thursday 5th October.





You can email the L.H.S. at:
lindisfarne.history@gmail.com



L.H.S. GOES BACK TO SCHOOL

Near the end of term 3 I received an email from Ashley Ward, one of the Grade 1/2 teachers at Lindisfarne Primary School. The four 1/2 classes were doing a unit on Back in Time in Lindisfarne and wanted to know if anyone from L.H.S. could come and speak to the children.

I sent an email to our committee members, several of whom grew up in our lovely suburb. Dorothy Cuthill and Margaret Harrison responded that they would like to go along, and with myself we arranged to go on Friday 8 September.

We did two talks to two groups of grade 1/2 students. Dorothy was first up and she spoke of her years at the former Lindisfarne State School (L.S.S.) in Rowitta Road. She told them that the new school campus was being built and she remembered going along to the new site and planting trees. They may be the trees we see there today. Dorothy also spoke about the Flying Boat and how classes were larger than now.

Margaret then stood up and showed a photograph of herself in her L.S.S. uniform. She spoke of going

across the road to a little shop run by Mrs. Abbott to buy sweets and other goodies. She also mentioned how all children were given little bottles of milk every day and how that if they stood in the sun outside, they were undrinkable.

Both ladies talked of many other memorable incidents in their school life.

I talked about the ferries and how children caught them to go to school in Hobart. I also mentioned the men who ran for the ferry each morning sometimes with their wives running alongside them carrying their toast on a plate. (Thanks to the article by Elisabeth Barsham and Midge Jones in "Before They Built The Bridge").

The students were very receptive and asked interesting questions as well as telling us their own particular stories. What a lovely morning we had. We appreciated being asked and it makes us feel part of a community that continues to learn together.

Susan Gardner, (Secretary L.H.S.)

Lindisfarne Primary School talk: Dorothy Cuthill talking to the students, with Margaret Harrison and Susan Gardner looking on.



NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

The guest speaker at our final meeting for 2023
will be:

MAREE RING

her subject

**"THE HISTORY OF
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT"**

REMINDER: this is our end of year
Christmas get-together meeting.

**WHEN: Monday, 27th November, 2023 @
2.00pm**

**WHERE: Lindisfarne Community Activities
Centre**

37a Lincoln Street, Lindisfarne

All are welcome – bring a friend

ENQUIRIES: lindisfarne.history@gmail.com



L.H.S. 2024 CALENDAR

NOW AVAILABLE!

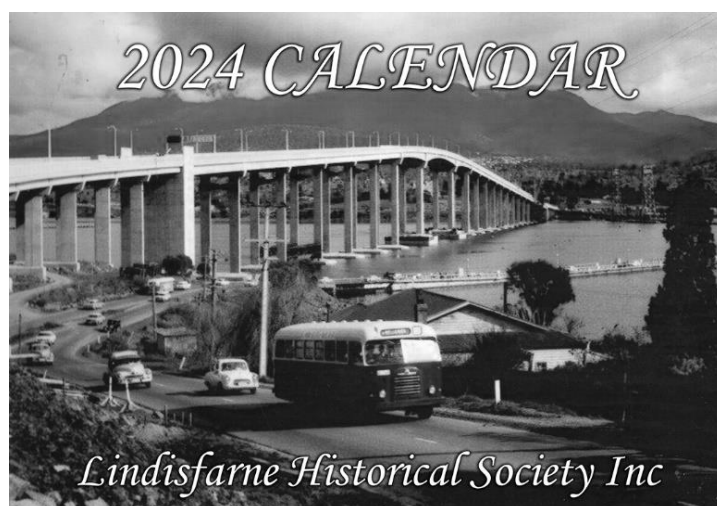
You can get hold of our 2024 calendar from the
Community Library on Lincoln Street.

Opening hours are:

10am – 2pm MON – FRI

10am – 12 NOON Saturdays

COST: \$15 (CASH ONLY)



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*Have yourselves a
Merry Christmas
&
a Happy and Safe
New Year!*



*We look forward to
seeing you in 2024!*

L.H.S. Society Meetings 2024

January Meeting TBA*

Friday February 23rd @ 10am (Excursion)

Monday March 25th @ 2pm (AGM)

Monday April 29th @ 2pm

Monday May 27th @ 2pm

Monday June 24th @ 2pm

Monday July 29th @ 2pm

Monday August 26th @ 2pm

Monday September 30th @ 2pm

Monday October 28th @ 2pm

Monday November 25th @ 2pm

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

All members of the public are welcome to attend.

* The Lindisfarne Community Activities Centre will be closed from 13th December until late February for building works. We are endeavouring to find a new location, or activity, for our January meeting. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



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