

Lindisfarne Historical Society Inc.

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Christmas



Wishes



LIVING IN LINDISFARNE

IN THE 50'S & 60'S

by GEOFFREY CASHION

Life for me started in a little home my father had built on East Risdon Road in Lindisfarne, half way between the lights at Lincoln St and Derwent Ave. Many families had parents who had just seen the end of the Second World War, and we were the Baby Boomers at the start of 1948.

The town of Lindisfarne began to grow when the floating bridge was opened during 1942. Roads were gravel with no tar and no drains and every home had water tanks. The bus service from Hobart went down Lincoln St to Eldon St and stopped, before the return trip to Hobart. Mr Belbin had a hardware shop on the corner of Lincoln St and Milford St. Morant's store, the Post Office, and Johnson's store were some of the shops in Lincoln St. (Morant's store is now the Newsagent.)

My father built another home at Geilston Bay and we all moved there in 1952. We still had a gravel main road but we had the creek to play in!

The postal service delivered mail as far as Geilston Creek Road. People who lived further up East Risdon Road could get their letters delivered to their post boxes on a fence. Mr Free had a saw bench on the edge of the creek for firewood – he delivered a load in a horse and cart for two pounds.

With the creek running with water my brothers and I spent our weekends getting wet chasing frogs and tadpoles, and building dams to make

ponds to float our home-made boats. We built billy carts and rode them down the hill on a footpath from Mrs Cornell's home all weekend. The track is now a road called Llenroc St. It took about two minutes to come down and 10 minutes to walk up the hill to do it all again.

In 1954 my education at Lindisfarne State School began. Mr Phillips was the Head-master along with his staff. The school was full of children and had no room for new students so I started school in a little room at the back of the Uniting Church. We were all born in 1948, about 30 of us. We spent the first year there until the new school was built in Loatta Rd. Miss Philpott was my first teacher and Mrs McClagon taught me in Grade 2.

Having spent two years in this school we all moved around to Loatta Rd in 1957 and Mr Phillips came with us along with his wife. They lived next door to the school in a brick house that came with his job. Other teachers there were Mr Cocker, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Phillips and others. Our old school became Lindisfarne North until it moved to its present site in Geilston Bay in 2020.

We all caught the school bus owned by Mr Bayes, the owner of the Lindisfarne Milk Bar: it cost us 3pence to ride the bus to school, the bus was a new Bedford, a 30 seater painted blue.

With the sealing of East Risdon Road the bus service was extended to Geilston Bay, to turn around at the Lindisfarne Golf Club and the Terminus Store, now the Fish and Chip shop. 1958 saw the service extended to Risdon Vale.

I also saw the removal of water tanks from our homes as water now became laid onto homes by

the Southern Region Water Scheme. A pipe line from the Derwent River at New Norfolk supplied water to the Eastern Shore with a reservoir on Natone Hill.

My class stayed together at school until 1959 when we left Lindisfarne School and started at Rose Bay High for four years until we joined the work force and began to make a living.

I have lived in the district for 77 years. I married in 1971 and my wife came from Sydney as did my mother. Our two children, and our grandchildren went to school here at North Lindisfarne and Geilston Bay schools.

Having lived at Lindisfarne, Geilston Bay and East Risdon I have enjoyed growing up here on the Eastern Shore.



LINDISFARNE STATE SCHOOL GRADE 3 (1957)

Back row (L-R): Steven Partridge, Paul Harvey, Rex Cashion, Barry Grimmond, Hayden Nelson, Ian Bailey, Rodney Pearce, Ross Johnston, Noel Jackman, Geoffrey Cashion, Jock Rowland, Brian Turner

Third row (L-R): Michael Geeves, Stephen Mars, Richard Guesdon, David Murdock, Gregory Priest, Kim Bolwell, Wayne Jenkins, Lyell Williamson, Glen Wastell, Peter Young, Barry Davidson

Second row (L-R): Wendy Moffit, Stephanie Jakins, Jane Wright, Margaret Struthers, Beth Warren, Wendy Barnes, Susan Carter, Margaret White, Rosanna Every

Front row (L-R): Colleen Gerathy, Cheryl Fleury, Marilyn Johnston, Susanne Brownell, Maxine Parker, Julie Parish, ?, Cynthia Robinson, Andrea Brown, Barbara Mackay, Lindy Jennings

Teacher: Miss Stafford





TO LET IN LINDISFARNE

T O L E T.
as a private residence, the
"LINDISFARNE HOTEL,"
situate at Beltana.

This commodious house contains 20 rooms, has been lately rebuilt, and is most pleasantly situated, with a splendid view of tides and surrounding country, with twelve acres good land and all necessary outbuildings, and is very suitable for a gentleman's residence, or private boarding establishment, or school. Beltana is one of the most popular pleasure resorts in the colony. Rent moderate.

Apply to

F. BOND,

11, Old 'stone-street', Hobart.

The Mercury, 17th February 1897, p.4

"Is this the Queen Vic?"

Does this ad refer to the building we know as the "Queen Vic"?

Whispers say that prior to becoming The Convalescent Home a hotel was situated where the "Queen Vic" now stands.

In June 1899 it was reported in The Mercury newspaper that the Victoria Convalescent Home had acquired, "the large house at Beltana, formerly Mr Bonds." Was it then, the very same large 20 room residence Mr Bond tried to let 2 years earlier - the one formerly known as The Lindisfarne Hotel?

Just for the record: In January 1900 the Victoria Convalescent Home was officially opened in Lindisfarne, becoming known as the "Queen Victoria Home for the Aged Inc" in 1959, or as we locals call it, the "Queen Vic".

For more information see Barry Riseley's excellent article "The Queen Victoria Home Inc" in our volume, *Lindisfarne Heritage*, which is available to borrow, or to purchase, from the Community Library, 37a Lincoln St.



The Victoria Convalescent Home, Lindisfarne
c.1900

PHOTO: Libraries Tasmania PH030/1/7632





LINDISFARNE
HISTORICAL SNIPPETS

(continued)

by ROSS BUTLER

This is the sixth snippet from "An Outline of the Development of Lindisfarne" by Audrey Hudspeth.

The year 1895 was significant for the development of Lindisfarne as the Beltana Steamship and Land Company went into liquidation. The Beltana Town Board purchased the "Picnic Grounds" for public purposes which, still today, provide varied sporting public facilities.

By 1900, Hudspeth says, the little settlement had a considerable number of owners of quarter acre blocks, a small number of houses, the beginnings of the present Esplanade and levelled and surfaced major streets. There was a butchery, a bakery, a hotel and a public school in Rowitta Road.

Anglican services were held in a hall owned by M.W. Simmons and a Congregational church was erected in 1903. There was a Board of Health to which plans for houses had to be submitted in addition to its responsibility for licensing butcheries and dairies. It also approved the establishment of the Victoria Convalescent Home after assurances that its residents would be certified as being free from infection.

Significantly also, the Board of Health prevented a government move to re-open a quarantine station in Rose Bay.

Around the developing settlement the slopes of the hills formed a well wooded amphitheatre with large areas cleared for orchards forming an attractive blend of natural and manmade landscape. Natone Hill, rich with native wildflowers, Hudspeth says, rose behind the grid of streets that formed the heart of the township.

Ferryboats every hour brought in summer excursionists to the Picnic Grounds where the Hobart Coffee Palace provided non-alcoholic drinks in the pavilion.

The Imperial Tourist Handbook promoted the view from Natone Hill, 350 feet above sea level, that could be reached in half an hour's walk from the ferry jetty.



Also recommended were walks to Flagstaff Hill, Sugarloaf Hill, Mount Direction and Grasstree Hill.

Have a question? Perhaps you would like to contribute something to the newsletter?

Please feel free to contact us at:

lindisfarne.history@gmail.com





VALE

ALAN WOODWARD

12 -9-1933 - 10-10-2025



On Tuesday 21st October a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Alan Woodward was held at St Aidan's Anglican Church. Alan, and his wife Nancy, were married in this church and continued their long association with it to the present day. They were also long-time members of the Lindisfarne Historical Society, popular with all, and generous in sharing their knowledge of the area with us all. They also volunteered in our History Room, which was in Wellington Rd for several years, and was the public face of our Society. Our condolences and very best wishes go to Nancy and the family.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Guest Speaker:

MAREE RING

An introduction to Cornelian Bay Cemetery

WHEN: Monday 24th November @ 2pm

WHERE: Lindisfarne Community Activities Centre (LCAC), 37a Lincoln St. Lindisfarne

All are welcome – bring a friend. Afternoon Tea will be available.

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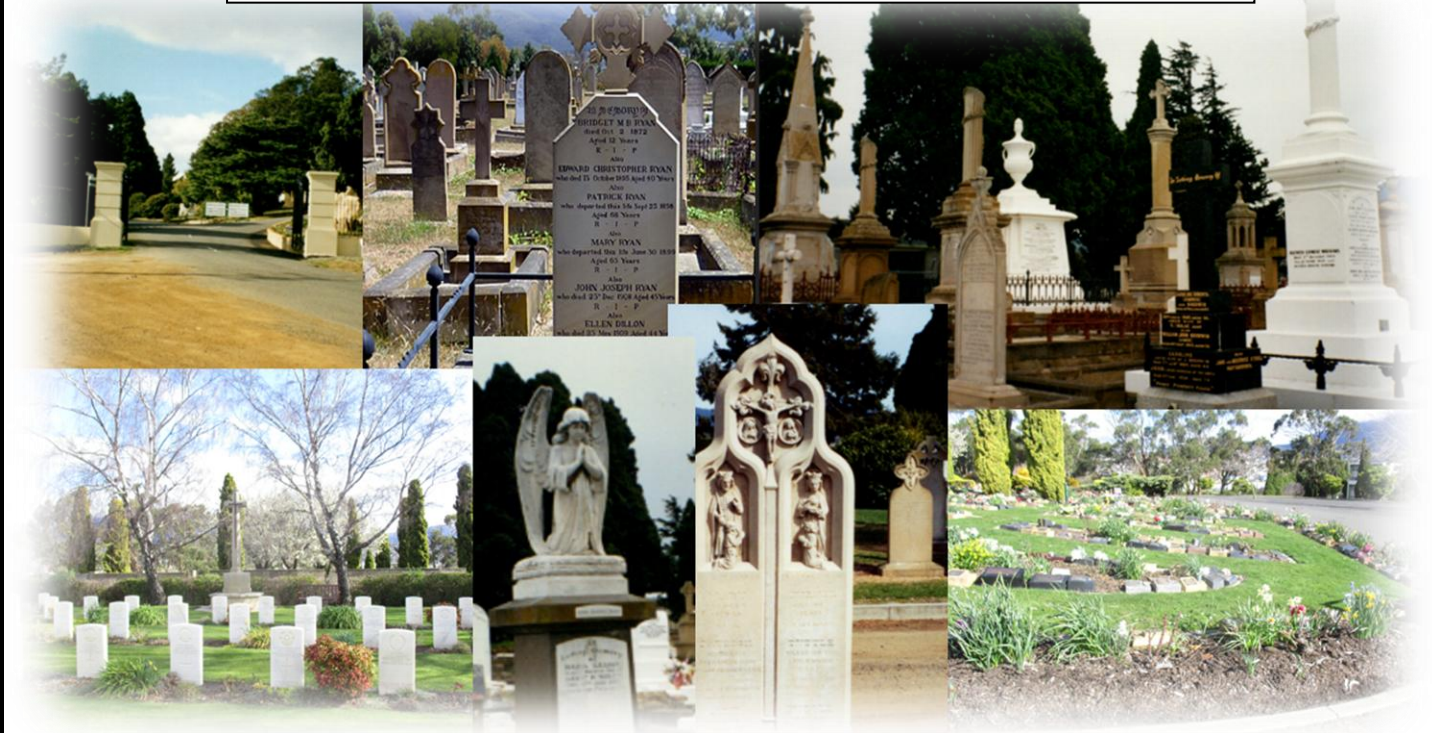
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**JANUARY EXCURSION - CORNELIAN BAY CEMETERY VISIT WITH
MAREE RING**



Historian Maree Ring, who is our Guest Speaker this month is an expert on the cemeteries of Hobart and will be taking us to visit Cornelian Bay on **Monday 19th January 2026**. We are very much looking forward to this outing. We are also planning to have lunch following the visit - details will follow shortly.

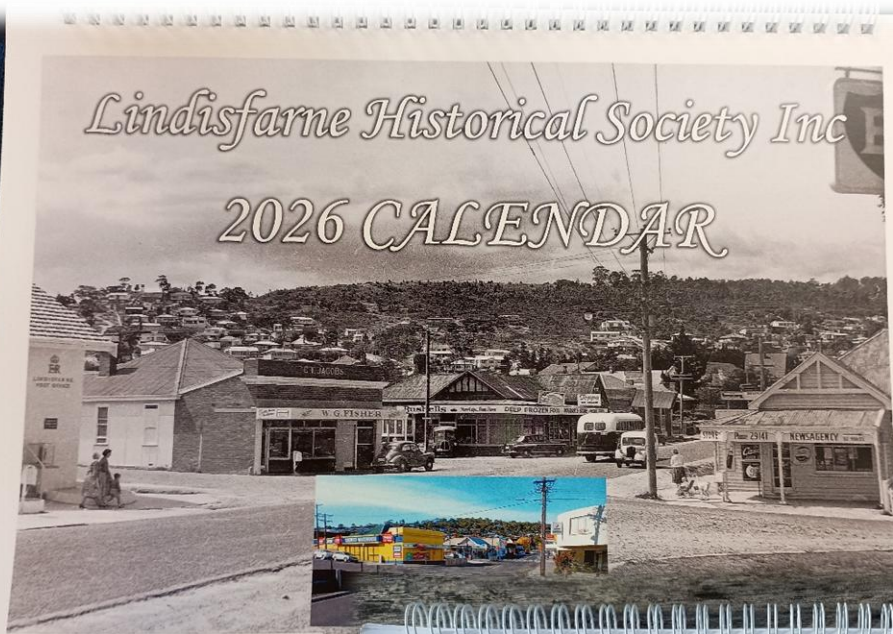
If you are interested in attending please let Susan, our Secretary, or one of the Committee know as we will need to know numbers.

Contact Susan Gardener: (PH: 0418 289 732)

Maree Ring also manages the Facebook page Hobart's 19th century Burial Grounds.

*Christmas Wishes to you all
from the
Lindisfarne Historical Society*

LHS CALENDARS – NOW AVAILABLE



The Lindisfarne Historical Society Inc. was formed in 1992, and works to foster interest in our local history. Meetings are held monthly. The photos in this calendar have been sourced from items privately donated to the Society since its inception in 1992 and date from many years ago. We are unable to contact original owners but believe that the images are all copyright free.

Find us on www.lindisfarnehistory.org or on Facebook.

Front cover Lincoln Street Lindisfarne.

Our 2026 calendars are now available. Costing \$15 they are available at the Community Library, 37a Lincoln St. The library is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 2pm, and on Saturday morning 10am to 12 noon.

LINDISFARNE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

This popular community library is run solely by volunteers, and has been operating since the early

1990's. There is a large range of fiction, with some in large print, plus many non-fiction books, including biography and a large section of Tasmaniana.

Open Monday to Friday (10am – 2pm) and Saturday (10am -12pm).

Membership is just \$10 and all are welcome to join.

Do come in and see us!

His Honor Lieutenant Governor Arthur directs, that all Public Communications, which may appear in this Paper, signed with any Official Signature, are to be considered as Official Communications made to those Persons to whom they may relate. JOHN MONTAGU, Secretary.



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POETRY.

The splendor of morning illumined the sky,
And yon mountain* had caught the bright ray,
Fill'd with rapture and love, & with heart-beat-
ing high,
The bridegroom left Lindisfern Bay.
Now sparkles the wave, and spreads the white
sail,
Derwent stream bears the bark swift away,
Ah! swifter she'd carry (could wishes prevail)
The bridegroom of Lindisfern Bay.
The youth leaps on shore, and hies to the fair,
All lovely in bridal array,
The Priest joins their hands and offers a
prayer,
For the lovers of Lindisfern Bay.
From the altar attend the fair virgin train,
To deck with sweet flowers the way;
On the beach bid adieu and ne'er see again
The lovers of Lindisfern Bay.
And now they embark, again spread the sail,
But when shall they land well a day!
The squall comes resistless, death breathes in
the gale
As they enter sweet Lindisfern Bay.
They're gone! and for ever, the cold briny
wave
Dash'd the hopes of the morning away,
They lov'd, were united, and lie in one grave,
The lovers of Lindisfern Bay!

* Mount Wellington.

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From *The Hobart Town Gazette & Van Diemen's Land Advertiser*,
17th June 1825, p.3

With thanks to John Houghton (B.H.S.) who spotted
this in an issue of the Hobart Town Gazette for 1825.

Society Meetings for 2026

Monday January 19th - Cornelian Bay Excursion

Monday February 23rd @ 2pm

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.

*We look forward to seeing you
in 2026!*



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