

Lindisfarne

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A WORD FROM PRESIDENT PENNY

Well, 2021 has certainly flown by and the society had a most enjoyable meeting last Monday to end the years activities. Rosemarie Baker, current President of the Lindisfarne CWA brought us up to date with their activities in the 80 years since the formation of the local group in 1941.

Local musicians Graham Reeve and Christine Akerman then completed the afternoon's activities with some wonderful music. I strongly recommend you attend the afternoon teas that the CWA hold in their hall and at which they play.

We have had many excellent speakers this year and attendance at meetings has generally been good. Next year we are planning on having more afternoon meetings in winter. The evening meetings have served us well, as not all can attend daytime meetings, but 7.30 on a freezing August night has not been a success! Please talk to a committee member if this will affect your attendance at our meetings and we will re-consider the matter.

We will be celebrating our 30th anniversary next year and we have some special plans to celebrate this achievement. Over the years we have gathered much information, had many great guest speakers and been involved in many community activities.

I would like to thank the committee for all they do during the year. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to keep the society functioning so well and all committee members are kept busy. Their support and assistance in all areas is very much appreciated.

Finally, we hope you all have a very Happy Christmas and that 2022 will be a safe and healthy one for us all. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Merry Christmas!

Front Page: Summer fun - getting one's feet wet
in Lindisfarne Bay, early 1900's.

DON MITCHELL

12.8.1930 – 6.11.2021



We will greatly miss Don, who regularly attended our meetings. We send our very best wishes and sincere condolences to his wife Flora and family at this sad time.

L.H.S. Society Meetings 2022

Monday January 31st @ 2pm

Wednesday February 23rd @ 6pm (Dinner)

Monday March 28th @ 2pm (AGM)

Friday April 29th @ 7.30pm

Monday May 30th @ 2pm

Monday June 27th @ 2pm

Monday July 25th @ 2pm

Monday August 29th @ 2pm

Monday September 26th @ 2pm

Friday October 28th @ 7.30pm

Monday November 28th @ 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.

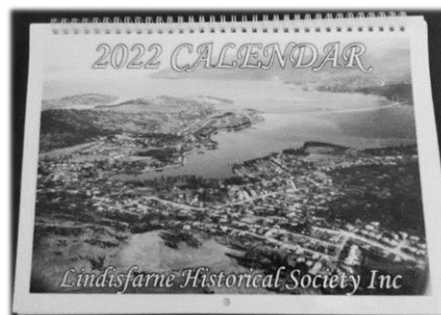
Don was an enthusiastic and long-term member of the Lindisfarne Historical Society. He was a regular volunteer in our History Room where he welcomed all who called in to the room. He was a mine of information on many topics and had been a guest speaker at our Society meetings. He was also of great assistance in the planning and production of our Lindisfarne Heritage books.

Don was very much involved with the Lindisfarne Community Activities Centre where he served on the Management Committee for many years, acting as Vice-President for several years before his retirement. He was also a keen participant in the weekly School for Seniors group, and an active support person for that group, where he had many friends.

Don was also for many years a volunteer at Hobart's Maritime Museum.

L.H.S. CALENDAR

We still have copies of our 2022 calendar!

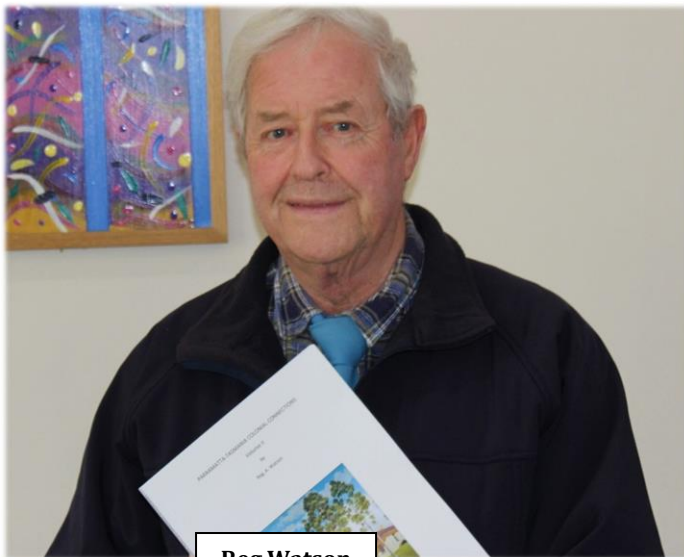


They cost \$15, and are available for purchase at the Lindisfarne Library, CWA Shop and Newsagency in the village.

BOOK LAUNCH

Parramatta - Tasmania Historical Connections, Vol II

L.H.S. member Reg Watson, historian and author, had his latest book released in Geilston Bay of late. Titled, "*Parramatta - Tasmania Historical Connections*" it is volume II after the first volume was released in Parramatta and in Hobart in 2017.



Reg Watson

The book contains chapters on those who were involved in colonial times with both communities, Parramatta and Tasmania. These include Lt. Governor David Collins, the Female Factories of both societies, Scientist Charles Darwin, bushrangers Rocky Whelan and William Westwood, explorers, Matthew Flinders and John Joseph Oxley and more.

Reg said whilst on regular trips to Parramatta visiting his daughter, he became aware of the shared heritage of the two centres.

"Both Parramatta and Tasmania were settled very early," he said. "The former in 1789 where it became the bread basket for Sydney, and

Tasmania in 1803 with the arrival of Lt John Bowen Royal Navy at Risdon Cove."

Members of L.H.S. attended the afternoon, the book being launched by historian and author, Tony Hope and Craig Cracknell, President of Hobart FM, was the event's MC.

The book is available through Reg for \$30 or at city book stores.

You can email Reg at: reg@regwatson.com



Historian and Author Tony Hope



Gwen Hardstaff and friend Ralph King.

Gwen is the former President of the Hobart Town (1804) First Settlers Association and wrote one of the two forewords in Reg's book. The other foreword was penned by Jeff Allen, President of the Parramatta & District Historic Society.



From L to R: L.H.S. Committee Members Philip Sweetingham, Dorothy Cuthill and Bernadette Peck along with Tony Peck at the Book Launch.



Lunch at the Beltana: Committee Members winding down after a busy 2021

Clockwise from top right-hand side of table: Ann Curran (Archive Officer), Dorothy Cuthill, Susan Gardener, Noeline Heaven (Treasurer), Bernadette Peck, Kathie Schramm, Penny O'Brien (President) and Geoffrey Cashion. Lyn Winters (Secretary) acting as photographer. Absent: Philip Sweetingham (Vice-President) and Don Maisch.

SALLY-LYN'S TO STAY OPEN

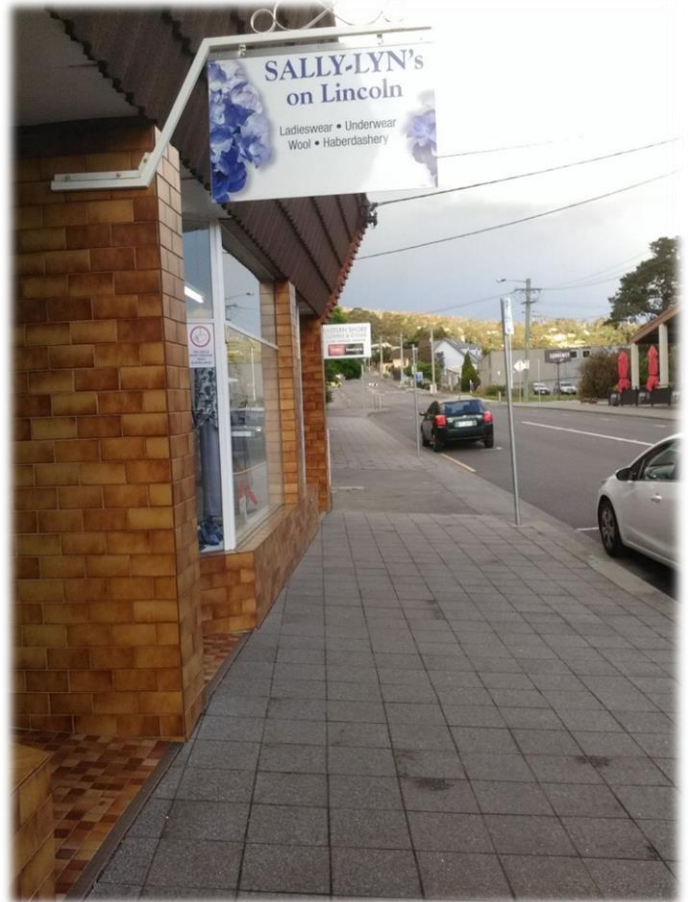
Some good news for "Lindisfarne Village" with Sally-Lyn's shop in Lincoln St. set to remain trading. The lease has fortunately been extended much to the relief of its customers, many of whom travel from far and wide to visit this popular shop.



Various other businesses were at this site before Joan Allingham opened up a business selling ladies clothing, wool, haberdashery etc., spanning over approximately 20 years. It was then taken over by two ladies, Sally Fitzpatrick and Lyn Brumby who named the shop Sally-Lyn's. They operated the shop for about 18 years. Present owner Michelle Palmer has currently spent 8 years on-site.

After nearly 50 years of being a well-known shop, and very much part of "Lindisfarne Village", it would have been a great pity to see the doors close.

Congratulations to Michelle for managing to keep Sally-Lyn's going!



LINDISFARNE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

By Noeline Heaven

The beginning of Congregationalism on the Eastern Shore was probably at Kangaroo Point – Bellerive in a building called “The Waterman’s Arms”. In September 1860 a Foundation Stone was laid in King Street by Henry Hopkins and the building is now known as “The Chapel of Ease”. Later the present Church was built in York Street.

Congregational worship in Beltana (now Lindisfarne) begun during the 1896-1903 ministry of Rev Robert Ricards in Hobart. The Rev W. A. Gann arrived from England in 1899 and ministered in Bellerive. He used to drive by sulky to conduct services in the “Old School House” on the corner of Park Road and Lincoln Street.

Mr Matthew Wilkes Simmons (the son of a Congregational Minister who came to Tasmania in 1860) was a driving force in the community. He wrote to both the church of England and Congregational Church and offered to donate land to build a Church on condition it be completed within 6 months. Differences had arisen with the shared use of the Park Road premises so the Congregational Church immediately accepted the offer. The land on the corner of Derwent Avenue and East Derwent Highway was very acceptable. Mr Jonas Cranston, a member of the Church and a Stonemason built the Church with stone from his own quarry in Malunna Road. The foundation Stone was laid by Rev W Percy – Chairman of the Congregational Union on 27th May 1903 and was officially opened on the 4th November 1903. In 1908 the front porch and a small hall at the back were built.

Mr Charles Davis, a member provided acetylene lighting, kerosene heaters and crockery.

Sunday School was held in the hall and in summer months beneath the large gum tree opposite the church. The gift of land also included the block behind the Church and in 1960 the Manse was built. Many Ministers have resided there. For a few years it was rented but has now been renovated and is home to the current Minister.



Congregational Church Lindisfarne, c.1912
Tasmanian Mail.

In 1956 the Lindisfarne Congregational Church joined with the Methodist and Presbyterians to become the first United Church in Australia - becoming Lindisfarne Uniting Church. This worked very well and helped us when in 1977 the Uniting Church became Australia wide. In 1963 a large hall was built opposite and used for Sunday School and many community events. Many people since 1903 have contributed to the ministry and welfare of the congregation. The opening of the Unicorn Opportunity Shop in 1972 and its contribution to the community has been inspiring.

*** Unfortunately, these days there are not many services held at this beautiful little church, however there will be a special service on Christmas Eve and all are welcome to attend. This service commences at 7pm. (Ed.) ***



Reg
Watson

Reg Watson on Community Radio – 96.1FM

Rich & Colourful Tasmanian History

Reg's show is aired on Community Radio 96.1 FM once a month, on the third Saturday, from 3pm. 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!

Contact: regawatson@gmail.com

ALSO: Don't miss Reg's history column in the 'Eastern Shore Star' monthly newspaper.



Wishing you all

a very

Happy Christmas



New Year -

See you in

2022!

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