

About our Guest Speakers

Claire Doran became an amateur historian by accident. A New Year's Eve barbeque in 2016 led to her offering to transcribe some diaries of Frederick Mace for his descendants. Her intention was only to transcribe the years 1914-1918. Unfortunately, that was akin to only reading the middle of a book, so she had to go on to do all 56 diaries – 1875 to 1931. The task was finished in 2020 with over a million words transcribed. Claire has a lifelong love of history and literature. The work of transcribing Fred's diaries has given her an idea of how she will spend her retirement. The diaries are full of snapshots of stories of life on the East Coast that need enlaring – the basis for many more years of researching and storytelling.

Ros Escott has a Diploma of Family History and a long-standing interest in genealogy. Seven years ago she added DNA to her skill set and has since developed some sophisticated skills in using DNA to break down family history brick walls. Ros is vice-president of the Hobart Branch of the TFHS and co-ordinator of their DNA Interest Group. She has combined her family history and DNA skills to help a number of adoptees identify previously unknown fathers. She finds the reward of giving someone closure and perhaps connecting them with new family members well worth the hard work, and certainly more stimulating for the brain than Sudoku.

Jon Sumbly worked for many years in the fields of marine ecology and high seas fisheries policy and conservation, including time at sea around Antarctica and New Zealand crewing with the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society. Since mid-2018 he has been doing extensive research for the Narryna House Museum on the Haig family and the history of the building. This led to the volunteer-driven group transcription of Haig's journals which is the subject of his presentation. He has also conducted research for the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery around some of their recent acquisitions and properties.

41st Conference & Annual General Meeting

Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.

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to be held at the

Town Hall, Church Street, Ross

on

Saturday, June 19, 2021



41st Annual General Meeting

Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.

- 10:30am Registration & Morning tea
- 10:55am Welcome by President, Maurice Appleyard
Presentation of 'Early Bird Prize'
- 11:00am–11:45am Jon Sumbly — *Home is the sailor, home from the sea*
(*The journals of Captain Andrew Haig, 1816 – 1852*)
- 11:45am–12:30pm Claire Doran — *The Disambiguation of Fred!*
(*Transcribing the diaries of Frederick Mace 1857 – 1931*)
- 12:30pm–1:30pm Lunch
- 1:30pm–2:15pm Ros Escott — *A Double Brick Wall: Using DNA to Solve Several Mysteries*
- 2:30pm Annual General Meeting including presentation of
- Lilian Watson Family History Award
 - Best Journal Article Award
 - Tasmanian Family History Inc. Awards



The Tasmanian Wool Centre & Museum

Book Stalls

Publications from branches
may be on
offer during the day.

Registration Form

Closing date for registration and payment is **5 June 2021**.

Either post a completed form to:

The State Secretary
Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.
PO Box 326
ROSNY PARK Tasmania 7018

or email scanned version to secretary@tasfhs.org

Name 1:

Name 2:

Address.....

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Preferred email.....

I/we will be attending on Saturday, 19 June 2021

Morning Tea and Lunch: \$25.00 per person.

Early Bird Prize

Register before **Monday 17th May 2021** to be in
the draw for the President's 'Early Bird' Prize.

A cheque/money order is enclosed

OR debit by: Master Card VISA (*Please tick*) @ \$25 = \$.....

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