

# Annual General Meeting

Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.  
Saturday 21 June 2025

10.30 am	Registration and Morning Tea
10.55 am – 11.00 am	Welcome by President, Robyn Gibson Presentation of Early Bird Prize
11.00 am – 11.30 am	Alison Alexander <i>Land of Rogues and Scoundrels</i>
11.30 am – 12.30 pm	Helene Chung <i>Two Unconventional Tasmanian Chinese</i>
12.30 pm – 1.30 pm	Lunch
1.35 pm – 2.15 pm	Richie Wooley Amy Sherwin and her family
2.30 pm – 3.00 pm	Annual General Meeting including presentation of <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lilian Watson Family History Award</li><li>• Best Journal Article Award</li><li>• Patron's Award</li></ul>

## Book Stalls

Selected publications from Branches will be on sale during the day

# Registration

Early bird registrations close on 30 May 2025.

The final date for all registration is Saturday 14 June 2025.

**Registration per person is \$45 which covers morning tea and lunch.**

This year registration and payment is via the Society website at  
[www.tasfhs.org/AGM.php](http://www.tasfhs.org/AGM.php).

If online registration and payment causes members any difficulties, please complete the details below and contact your local branch for assistance.

**NOTE:** Registration by this method closes on Monday 10 June 2025.

Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Note any special dietary needs here:

Vegan     Gluten free     Lactose free

Other: please specify \_\_\_\_\_

## About Our Guest Speakers

### Alison Alexander

Tasmania in its first thirty years of white settlement: a land of rogues and scoundrels, or a surprisingly cohesive beginning to our land today? This talk is based on Alison's latest book.

Alison Alexander was born and educated in Tasmania and has spent her career writing on many aspects of Tasmanian history. She is involved in several historical groups, and for many years has been the proud patron of the Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.

[www.alisonalexander.com.au](http://www.alisonalexander.com.au)

### Helen Chung

An illustrated talk on her father Charles Chung and her mother Dorothy Henry from two leading Chinese families whose market gardens, fruit shops and restaurants nourished Tasmanians for three generations.

Pioneer journalist Helene Chung (He-Lane Chung as in Hung) broke racist and sexist barriers in 1974 to become the first non-white reporter on Australian television and, as Beijing correspondent (1983-86), the first female posted abroad by the ABC.

She is the author of *Shouting from China*, *Gentle John: My Love My Loss*, *Lazy Man in China*, and *Ching Chong China Girl*.

<https://helenechung.com>

### Richie Woolley

Amy Sherwin (1855-1935) was one of the first Tasmanians to achieve success at an international level. Known as the Tasmanian Nightingale, she was famous for her beautiful singing voice. She grew up in the Huon Valley, with the Sherwins among the earliest European settlers at what is now Judbury. The family's struggle to establish their property *Forest Home* was beset by many difficulties, and they were required to overcome the challenges of flood and fire before they were able to create the home they desired.

Like Amy, Richie grew up at Judbury. He is the author of *Above the Falls: the People and the History of the Upper Huon*, and *Amy Sherwin, the Tasmanian Nightingale*, and co-author of *A History of the Huon and Far South*. He is a long-term member of the Tasmanian Family History Society, and an active participant in its DNA Interest Group.



# 45<sup>th</sup> Conference and Annual General Meeting *Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.*

ABN 87 627 274 157

To be held at

The Grange  
4 Commonwealth Lane  
Campbell Town, Tasmania

on

**Saturday 21 June 2025**

**Early Bird Prize**

Register before 30 May 2025 to be in the draw for the President's Early Bird Prize.