



Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.  
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Newsletter

## AGM AND NEW COMMITTEE

April will soon be upon us and our thoughts will turn to the Annual General Meeting of our Branch and nominating for office. Some members of the Committee have already indicated that they would like to stand down and others are likely to stand again. Meanwhile we will need you, the members of the branch, to consider standing for office, not just for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer and Committee, but also for the positions of Library Co-Ordinator, Membership Officer, Research, publicity, newsletter editor, Publications Co-Ordinator and so forth. [See the attached Nomination Form and Expression of Interest Form.]

The bottom-line is, if we cannot fill these positions, our branch will have to disband, including closure of our Library, and distribution of our assets to other branches.

**We have a wonderful asset in our Library so please nominate for office!  
Nomination Forms to be returned by Tuesday 14 April 2009.**

## MARCH MEETING FUND-RAISER

Thursday 26 March  
at the Branch Library  
117 Gilbert Street Latrobe.

Our Society is self-supporting and it falls to our members to contribute to each branch in the best way that they can: be that by paying a membership; visiting the library; direct donation; or assistance in producing our publications for sale.

The March Meeting will be an opportunity for members to contribute towards our fund-raising efforts by coming along to the Library and viewing and trying-out many of the new publications that have been purchased for the Library over the past few months. Join us from 11 a.m. and enjoy good company and lunch for a cost of \$5 per person.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

Our latest publication, *Cemeteries of the Port Sorell District, North West Coast Tasmania* is a book comprising headstone transcriptions of a group of small country cemeteries in the area that was once the Port Sorell Registration District. These include Harford, Green Banks (Moriarty), Wesley Vale, Northdown (including the original cemetery now on private property) and New Ground. This publication includes a coloured cover designed by Jim Rouse with a photograph of St James' Church at Northdown taken by member Hedley Chamberlain. This publication will be available for purchase at the March meeting. Retail price \$20.



**NOMINATION FORM**

(Print Name).....

is nominated for the position of :- *(circle one position only)*

- Branch President**
- Branch Vice President**
- Branch Secretary**
- Branch Treasurer**
- Committee Member**
- Delegate**
- Alternate Delegate**

*Proposer* ..... *Seconder* .....

I accept the above nomination..... *Nominee*

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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**

I *(Print Name)*..... am interested in being appointed to the position of:- *(Circle any position of Interest. More than one may be circled)*

- Library Co-ordinator**
  - Assistant Library Co-ordinator**
  - Membership Officer**
  - Research Co-ordinator**
  - eHeritage Co-ordinator**
  - Assistant eHeritage Co-ordinator**
  - Journal Liason Officer**
  - Website Administrator**
  - Newsletter Editor**
  - Publicity & Promotions Co-ordinator**
  - Publication Sales Co-ordinator**
  - Equipment Maintenance Co-ordinator**
  - TAMIOT Co-ordinator**
  - Other Areas. *(Please indicate area of interest)***.....
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## **Please Note Venue for AGM**

Despite what you may have already read in the latest copy of **Tasmanian Ancestry** our Annual Meeting will be held at our Library in **Latrobe** on **30 April 2009 7 p.m**

## **THE WEEKLY COURIER**

The Weekly Courier was a Launceston based weekly illustrated newspaper published by the Examiner Newspaper. It was first published in 1902 and from memory I believe it stopped publication around 1926 or perhaps later. Anyway, it has an excellent centre spread of quality photographs covering every conceivable topic from soldiers enlisting in WWI to views of towns and hamlets all over Tasmania and especially in the north and north-west.

There are sports photographs (individuals and teams), photographs of private and public buildings, and photographs of people: especially well-covered are contestants in the annual Eisteddfod Competitions and also local schools. As well there are obituaries and reports from small communities all over Tasmania.

Best of all Launceston Branch are publishing indexes to these volumes, and they are available in our Library. The latest is Volume 4 1908-1909.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS**  
**Annual Subscriptions**  
**are now due!**

## **MY FAVOURITE ANCESTOR**

If you log in to our branch web site at [www.tfhsdev.com](http://www.tfhsdev.com) you will note a page available for any Devonport member to include a short essay (with or without a photograph) on a favourite ancestor or any aspect of their research that they may like to share with other researchers. You provide the story and photo to our Web Mistress (preferably on disc) and she does the rest. The cost per ancestor is \$10. This is a great opportunity to publicise your family research and to get a presence on the web for a very low cost..

I have had a hit from my contribution and have made contact with a previously unknown family member.

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## **Library Assistants needed**

Recently one of our regular Library Assistants met with an accident which has meant that she has been unable to attend on her regular day. While we have been able to fill this gap it would be nice if we could get some more volunteers. Library duty is not difficult and Glenice provides training. It is a wonderful opportunity for any member to familiarize themselves with the contents of the library and, if they wish, to expand their computer skills, and to take advantage of the many computer based items that we have.

Contact Glenice Brauman on 6426 2257 or 6424 7577 or call in and see her at the Library.