

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

The past year has been a successful one for our association. Speakers during the year gave many varied and highly informative presentations that covered a range of topics from history of the New Norfolk Asylum, the Risdon Punt, gardening in Tasmania, the history of dogs in Tasmania, to the last female convicts to arrive in Van Diemen's Land that included Bruce Woods' excellent model of the convict ship *Duchess of Northumberland* decorating the front of the room. I thank Maree Ring for arranging the speakers program.

I have been fortunate to have had Christine Woods as Secretary; Bruce Woods for stepping into the role of Vice President and Charles Hunt for undertaking the role of Treasurer. I would also like to thank our Historian, Maree Ring, for her contributions over the past year. A big thank you to Maxina Kern for undertaking to manage our membership, a key role in keeping us up to date. Carol Ann-Hooper has done an excellent job with organizing outings and excursions that included visits to the Cascades Female Factory, "The Lea", the Jones and Co building in Hunter Street and a behind-the-scenes tour of St David's Cathedral.

Thanks are due to Kath Lonergan, Carol-Ann Hooper and Di Vertigan for undertaking and serving the morning teas at our monthly meetings. I would also like to acknowledge the input from Jane Wilson, Bev Richardson, Janice Daly, and Stephany Fehre at our committee meetings plus the wise counsel readily provided by our Public Officer, Alastair Douglas.

Having been in the President's seat for three years, I feel it is important for an organisation such as ours to rotate such positions, so the organisation keeps moving forward. Looking back over the time I have been in the President's chair, we have done a review and update of the Constitution which is vital in keeping our Association moving forward. This exercise showed that we have some very dedicated members in this Association, so it is vital that we keep new blood coming into the management team keep our Association alive. I hope to continue to have input into this Association and look forward to the next twelve months.

Jonathan Davis
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