



NEWSLETTER – November 2017

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NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday 15th November 2017 7.00pm
At the Evaporators

AQUISITIONS

Thanks to the generosity of so many people, our resource centre/library continues to expand. Our call for copies of various magazines has resulted in numerous responses, including members from the 'north island'.

As many readers know, one of our Vice Presidents, Dennis Muscovich, is a habitual collector, and he is often willing to share aspects of his collection – especially where he has inadvertently acquired two copies of a certain volume. Dennis' ute often comes in handy transporting boxes of almanacs and other interesting texts he has donated to us.

Some older FHG members will remember our first President, Charles Zuber. Before Charles and Pat returned to Queensland in 2013, Charles donated the very rare and valuable Volume One of the *Cyclopedia of Tasmania*, which is a comprehensive account of biographical facts, figures, and illustrations relating to Tasmania circa 1900.

We were delighted when Des Hay was kind enough to recently donate Volume Two of this publication to our library, to complete the set. We are also in possession of a later edition dated 1931. Our thanks should go out to those who have donated items, and to our Librarian, Harry Rettino. It won't be too long before more bookshelves will be required, to house the collection.

Often with success comes responsibility. While all donors are acknowledged in the items, at some stage a cataloguing system will have to be developed.

THE FORESHORE WALK AND RELATED PLAQUES

A group of FHG members has undertaken to research the text for the plaques to punctuate the walking trail, for the Franklin progress Association. Some samples have been produced for 20 individual buildings and four larger plaques for more prominent features such as the canal and the reclamation. Meetings are being planned with the FPA to fine tune the format regarding which sites should be acknowledged.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

It has been suggested that during the period before we will be actively planning for our new location, that a series of "Show and Tell" sessions could be held to add interest. The first off the rank will be Harry who has an interesting set of historic post cards which he will bring to our meeting on this Wednesday. Dennis will represent FHG at the up-coming Huon Show, in the combined history groups' tent.

PALAIS FILM EVENINGS

FHG has provided a second set of historical slides to the Palais Management Committee for showing at their monthly film evenings. A selection of the photographs appears below. Those who have purchased our various publications will be familiar with some of these pics.



Above and below: Barge Races, Shipwright's Point Regatta 1922
(Photos: Cato Collection)





Egg Island Canal
(FHG Collection)



An idyllic scene on the water's edge at Cradoc. The fashions of the days would have guarded against the Cradoc mosquitos.

TARUNA

It is uncertain when *Taruna* was built, however it is estimated she was probably built around 1910, in Brisbane. *Taruna* was purchased by James Row & Sons of Cradoc in 1923. She was freighted to Hobart on board S.S. *Musgrave*, before being towed to Woodbridge and lengthened by 12 feet. AS can be seen by the poster pictured below, *Taruna*, spent some time on the Huon River, based out of Cradoc.

In 1938 *Taruna* was sold and served as a transport vessel in the Channel region. She was fitted with a Ruston Hornsby Diesel six cylinder engine, transferred from another vessel. At one time she was wrecked on Three hummock Island, in Bass Strait, after which she was transformed into a fishing boat. This writer remembers *Taruna*, when she was moored in Sandy Bay, while being owned by Hobart businessman Alan Clark, and fitted out as a pleasure craft. In more recent times the Rowe family at Cradoc purchased the vessel with the intention of restoring her to reflect the association the vessel had with the family business. Unfortunately she was found to be too far gone to restore, so she now sits where the *Excelsior* was built and launched.

Sources:

Ships in Tasmanian Waters by G. W. Cox

River & Coastal Vessels Trading out of Hobart 1832 - 2015 by A. J. (Tony) Coen.



It's a shame to see this vessel in a derelict state on the bank at Cradoc.