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| The Royal Society of Tasmania is celebrating its 175th Anniversary year, starting in October 2018. As part of the celebrations, two books are being published. The first, *Mapping Van Diemen’s Land and the Great Beyond* (cover shown above) edited by Lynn Davies, Margaret Davies and Warren Boyles will be published in mid July. The volume contains over 100 high resolution images of rare and beautiful maps from the Society’s collection with text from authoritative contributors contributing to their understanding. A generous prepublication sales discount is on offer as outlined in the **attached** flyer. The prepublication sales discount is also available online.**WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOU CIRCULATING IT WIDELY AMONGST YOUR COLLEAGUES, MEMBERS OR FRIENDS.**Our second volume, *Poles Apart: fascination, fame and folly*, edited by Anita Hansen and Brita Hansen, will be published in November 2018, and we will keep you informed on its appearance. https://gallery.mailchimp.com/7b2a048dc0e2c3cffcd6d48bc/images/ba4a37d0-ad36-46b4-b708-ae7faee55971.jpgOrder form attached for 2019 calendar.ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTDear Members, The Society congratulate Dr Greg Lehman on his election, at the May lecture meeting, to council. We would like to acknowledge and thank the candidates for their nominations. Regards, Mr David Wilson Honorary Secretary and Prof Matt King Returning Officer and Immediate Past President. |

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| All welcome, members and friends are invited to attend presenting isAlison Alexander, Tasmanian Historian**Jane Franklin – The Real Founder of The Royal Society of Tasmania**Sunday May 27 2018 @1.30 pm [Meeting Room, Inveresk QVMAG](https://goo.gl/maps/sWyYXuhX1oo)Small fee for non-members |

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| Various people have desired to gain kudos from establishing themselves as the founder of The Royal Society of Tasmania, notably Governor Eardley Wilmot. Alison will argue that Jane Franklin was the real founder, though as a woman with no official status she had to work behind the scenes.Born and educated in Tasmania, Alison Alexander has written 31 books about Tasmanian history. Her paid career was writing commissioned histories with several featuring northern establishments, mainly Launceston Church Grammar School and the Australian Maritime College. She has also written biographies, her subjects ranging from romantic writer Marie Bjelke Petersen to governor’s wife Jane Franklin and, most recently, Edward and Maria Lord. Her biography of Jane Franklin won the National Biography Award in 2014. |

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| All welcome, members and friends are invited to attend this lecture presented byAndreas Klocker (pictured above)**Sistema Huautla – cave diving for exploration and science in one of the world’s most spectacular deep caves**Tuesday 5 June, 2018 @8 pm in [Royal Society Room, TMAG](https://goo.gl/maps/FNtFxxSRnLy) |

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| Dr Klocker will talk about the 2016, 2017, and 2018 caving and cave diving expeditions he led to Sistema Huautla, one of the world's deepest cave systems located in the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca.  The goal of the expeditions is to connect Sistema Huautla with its outlet in the remote Santo Domingo Canyon about 10 kilometres from its entrance.  The successful connection of Sistema Huautla with its outlet would result in the world's deepest and most spectacular cave traverse.The talk focussing on the March 2018 expedition one of the most ambitious and challenging cave diving projects ever attempted with divers surpassing the previous limit of exploration, some five kilometres underground, reached in 1984 when logistical challenges halted progress.Dr Andreas Klocker, originally from Austria, completed a diploma in marine environmental science in Germany, and moved to Hobart to work as honorary research fellow at the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems CRC.  He undertook a PhD as part of the UTAS-CSIRO joint PhD program in Quantitative Marine Science, followed by a postdoctoral position at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he worked on ocean turbulence in the Southern Ocean.  He returned to Australia as a Research Fellow at the ARC Centre of Excellence in Climate System Science and the Australian National University.  Dr Klocker was then awarded an ARC DECRA Fellowship at the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies continuing his specialist work on ocean turbulence.Dr Klocker got hooked by caving in 2008 while doing his PhD, and soon after combined his caving and diving addiction to become a cave diver in 2011.  In Australia his main focus has been on cave exploration in the Junee-Florentine in Tasmania, an area known for Australia's deepest cave systems, remote sumps and huge exploration potential.  In the last couple years he also turned his attention towards major cave systems in Mexico, in particular Sistema Huautla, where he enjoys the challenge of combining deep 'dry' caving and challenging cave diving in one of the world's most amazing cave systems. |

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| **Can anyone help?** The Herbarium is trying to track down some copies of the *Papers and Proceedings of The Royal Society of Tasmania:*Vol 124 (2)Vol 133 (2)Vol 141 (2)Anyone who has copies of these that they do not need and would be prepared to help should contact Matt Baker Matthew.Baker@tmag.tas.gov.au This would be greatly appreciated.   |

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