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Special 175th Anniversary Celebrations Newsletter

There are a number of exciting events planned for the next couple of months as part of
The Royal Society of Tasmania's 175th anniversary.

The Laughing Gas Cure Play reading: QVMAG at Inveresk 1.30pm, Sunday 30 September 2018



As part of our 175th anniversary, the Northern Branch of The Royal Society of Tasmania will be presenting a reading of a play by Tasmanian playwright Stella Kent. The play reading is directed by Peter Hammond. Set over a period of years in the 1770s, the main character is a Dr Thomas Beddoes. The play traces the change in his friend Joseph Banks from a fop to the President of the Royal Society. The play examines how the very notion of science is replacing anecdotal evidence and natural philosophy. While the play examines serious concerns, it is also full of humour. For more details please check our website rst.org.au

Government House 175th Reception

The Royal Society of Tasmania's patron, Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner, AC, Governor of Tasmania and Mr Warner will officially launch the 175th anniversary celebrations at Government House at **6.00pm on Tuesday 16 October 2018**. Members have

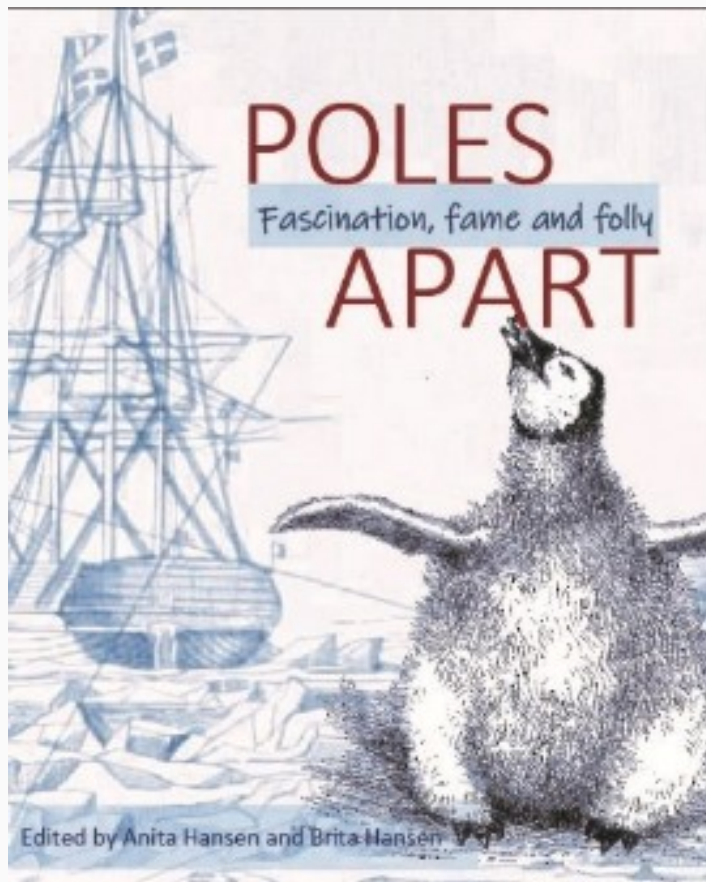


been sent an invitation.

The Vice President of the Society, Mary Koolhof will give a brief history of the Society and Dr Anita Hansen, convenor of the 175th anniversary committee, will talk about the events planned for the next year.

Please book now.

Poles Apart: Fascination, Fame and Folly



Poles Apart: Fascination, Fame and Folly went to the printer in August. The book will be launched by Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner, AC, Governor of Tasmania, at the Central Gallery, TMAG, on 6 November. A second launch will be held on 25 November 2018 at Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery (QVMAG), Inveresk, Launceston.

The book is based on the Society's Rare Books Library collection.

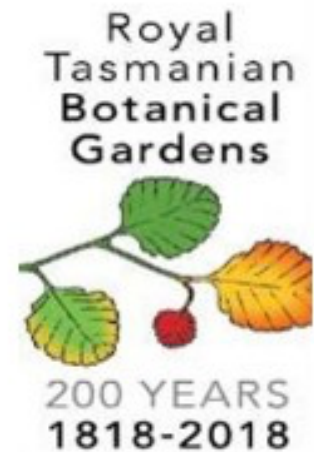
The last two frontiers on Earth, the Antarctic and the Arctic, are the stuff of heroes, heartache, courage, mystery, misery, endurance and loss. All these and more are captured in the pages of *Poles Apart: Fascination, Fame and Folly*. This wonderful book lays out, in a series of snapshots, mankind's incredible persistent battle in firstly taming and secondly understanding our amazing icy wilderness.

PREORDER NOW AND SAVE

Poles Apart: Fascination, Fame and Folly will be published in early November 2018 as part of The Royal Society of Tasmania's 175th anniversary. The Society is offering you the chance to pre-purchase the volume at a discount. Both hard and soft cover versions will be available – the 1000 hardcover copies will be numbered and signed by the editors. RRP for the hardcover version is \$75.00 and for the soft cover version is \$50.00. Until 30 October 2018, you have the opportunity to pre-purchase the hardcover version for \$65.00 (plus postage and packing if applicable) and the soft cover version for \$40.00 (plus postage and packing). Make the most of this generous opportunity and ensure that a copy of this exciting book finds its way to your bookshelves, or purchase copies as magnificent Christmas presents!

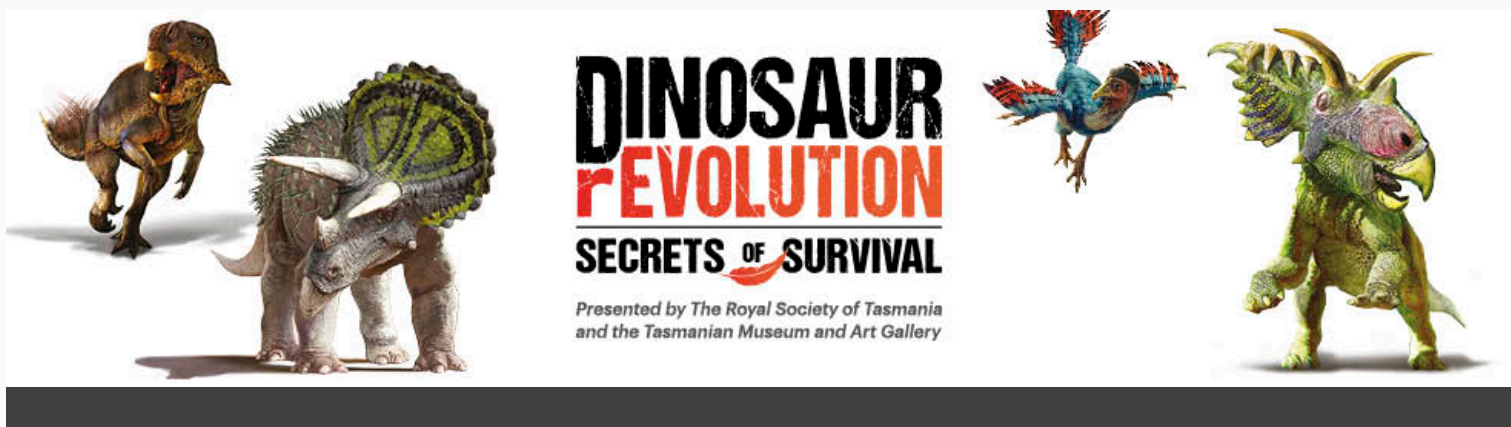
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Dinosaur Picnic in the Park



**Saturday 10 November
2018**

10.00 – 1.00pm



**Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery,
Dunn Place, Hobart Opens 7 December 2018**

Journey back 100 million years to a time when fearsome beasts stalked the earth!

This summer, TMAG's galleries will be transformed into an amazing exhibition exploring the ancient world of the dinosaurs.

Get up close and personal with life-sized animatronic models, learn about the amazing creatures recently discovered in the icy Antarctic, and even uncover Tasmania's fascinating dinosaur links.

How did dinosaurs evolve? What were their secrets of survival? And do they still exist today?

Call for volunteers

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

The Royal Society of Tasmania needs your help. We are seeking volunteers to help with the events planned for the 175th anniversary.

How can you help?

- Help to set up and pull down events (all)
- Help pack and distribute books
- Sell publications at the Society stall (all events except Government House)
- Gallery sit at exhibition (Louisa Anne Meredith exhibition)
- Assist at the Dinosaur Picnic
- Any number of ways.

Contact Anita Hansen at anita.hansen@utas.edu.au for more details about volunteering for the 175th anniversary events.

Other events coming in 2019



A painting exhibition of works by

Louisa Ann Meredith

Jane Franklin Museum, Lenah Valley
27 January – 24 February 2019

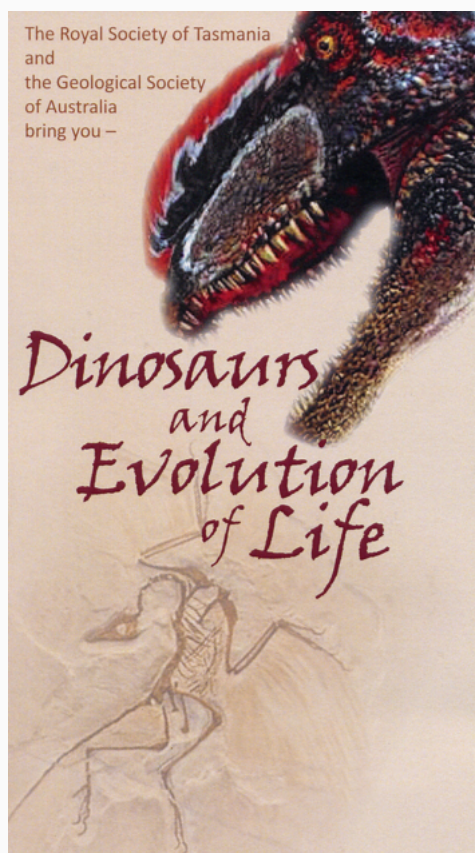
An exhibition of the watercolour works of

**Francis Guillemard Simpkinson de Wesselow
(1819–1906)**

TMAG March 2019 (TBA)



Two Day Dinosaur Symposium



23 - 24 March 2019
University of Tasmania

- the latest fossil discoveries
- the colourfully feathered velociraptor
- how the dinosaur world evolved
- where the dinosaurs lived
- the Jurassic swamps and Triassic forests
- dinosaurs in the ocean
- what finally wiped out the dinosaurs?
- are the dinosaur descendants still living?
- evolution and mass extinction.

More details on upcoming event to follow

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