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# FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER



## Notice of Annual General Meeting – 1 March 2020



The Annual General Meeting of The Royal Society of Tasmania will be held on **Sunday 1 March 2020 at 3 pm at the new location, The Old Woolstore Hotel lecture theatre, 1 Macquarie Street.**

**Admission:** free for members of The Royal Society of Tasmania \*  
\$6 general admission  
\$4 for students and Friends of TMAG

*\* membership forms available at the door*

Following the AGM, **Dr Jean-Philippe Beaulieu** will present a lecture entitled ***The Secret Garden at Recherche Bay – 1792***. All members and friends are invited to attend.

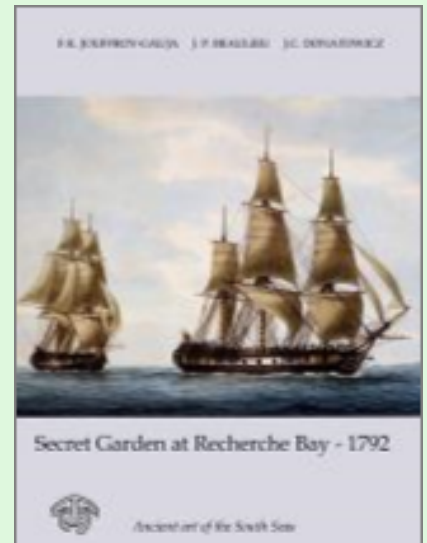


Dr Jean-Philippe Beaulieu (pictured left) holds the inaugural David Warren Endowed Chair of Astrophysics at the University of Tasmania. Previously he was the Directeur de recherche CNRS, Institut d'Astrophysique de Paris in France.

Dr Beaulieu's illustrious research career includes the 1996 Louis Armand Prize from the French Academy of Science – an

honour bestowed every three years to a researcher aged less than 30 for remarkable work in applied mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology or earth sciences. He is part of numerous major international collaborations and is co-lead investigator on the European Space Agency ARIEL mission, a space telescope planned for launch in 2028.

Dr Beaulieu has long collaborated with researchers in Tasmania and is a co-author of the 2016 publication, *Secret Garden at Recherche Bay – 1792*. The book tells the story of Felix Lahaye, a gardener with Admiral Bruni d'Entrecasteaux's French expedition, and the garden which he created at Recherche Bay.



## **Nominations for positions on The Royal Society of Tasmania Council are now open for election at the Annual General Meeting.**

The following positions are open for nomination:

- Three Council Members (3 years and 1 year)
- Student Member (3 year)
- Early Career Researcher (3 years)
- Honorary Secretary (1 year)
- Honorary Treasurer (1 year)

- President (2 years maximum)
- Vice President (2 years maximum)

**Nominations must be received by midnight on Saturday 22 February 2020.**

A copy of the nomination form can be downloaded from the RST web page:  
<https://rst.org.au/annual-general-meeting-1-march-2020/>

Copies may also be obtained from the RST office, open Wednesdays 9:00am through 12 noon.

The completed and signed form may be returned by mail to:

The Returning Officer  
c/- The Royal Society of Tasmania  
GPO Box 1166  
Hobart TAS 7001

or delivered to the office: 19 Davey Street Hobart TAS 7001

or a signed and scanned copy may be emailed to:

[royal.society@tmag.tas.gov.au](mailto:royal.society@tmag.tas.gov.au)

For further information, please contact the Honorary Secretary, David Wilson on 0409 854 101.

**The Northern Branch of The Royal Society of Tasmania  
invites you to **Live It Up**  
a public lecture by Ngaire Hobbins**

to be held at the Meeting Room, QVMAG at Inveresk at 1.30 pm on Sunday 23 February 2020.

Admission: free for members of The Royal Society of Tasmania \*

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Historical Society

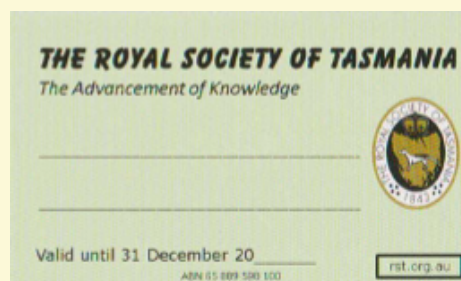
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Ngairé Hobbins is a widely experienced dietitian specialising in brain health beyond middle age. Her main focus is on alerting older people to their unique nutrition needs thus helping them minimise physical and cognitive decline. She has worked in the community, hospitals, universities and nutrition communication, including working at the Wicking Dementia Centre Research and Education Centre of UTas as a clinical lecturer for the Bachelor of Dementia Care. She is Chair of the Australian Association of Gerontology, Tasmanian Division.



Ngairé presents the science of nutrition, ageing and brain health in the language of everyday people, offering sensible, practical advice to help people make the most of the later years of life. One of her books, *Eat to Cheat Ageing*, will be available to purchase (\$20). You should leave this session informed and armed to enjoy health and vitality in later life.

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## Membership

Membership of The Royal Society Tasmania runs from January to December. Membership fees are now due.

Please include a membership form with ALL membership payments which can be sent via email or hard copy. Forms can be found at: [https://rst.org.au/?attachment\\_id=6820](https://rst.org.au/?attachment_id=6820)

To vote at the Society's AGM and lecture meeting, which will be held on Sunday 1 March at 3pm at The Old Woolstore Hotel, you need to be a financial member.

Sending out membership cards takes time. If you haven't already renewed, you are encouraged to do so ASAP to allow time for processing and the return of your membership card.

Thank you for your cooperation,  
Roxanne Steenbergen  
RST Membership Secretary

## The Royal Society of Tasmania awards bursaries to Tasmanian students



In 2019, the Society offered bursaries to Tasmanian secondary/senior secondary students to represent Australia at an international event. The bursaries were offered in the fields of science, mathematics, engineering, arts, humanities and social sciences in keeping with the aim of the Society of 'advancing knowledge' in a wide variety of ways.

These bursaries and the application process were widely advertised to government, independent and Catholic schools, subject associations, curriculum leaders and on the RST website.

The Chair of the Bursary Committee was Dr Deborah Beswick and Committee Members were Dr Robert Johnson, Dr Adele Wilson, Penny Cocker and Andrew Porter.

High quality, detailed applications were received by the Bursary Committee. Four bursaries were awarded. Three of these were for attendance at the International RoboCup competition, Sydney, July 2019. These were awarded to **Michael Duffett** from Rosny College, and **Will Gaffney** and **Thomas Norgaard** from Rose Bay High School.

**Sophie Newton**, from Elizabeth College, was awarded a bursary to attend a STEM Accelerator Tour in the United States in April 2020.

Dr Deborah Beswick  
Chair of the Bursary Committee

# The science behind bushfires and climate change

The Australian Academy of Science has released a statement on the science behind bushfires and climate change:

<https://www.science.org.au/news-and-events/news-and-media-releases/statement-regarding-australian-bushfires>



## 2020 Calendar – OUT NOW!

Penguins and sea birds of Antarctica: the illustrations of Edward Adrian Wilson (1872–1912), artist on the Robert Falcon Scott expeditions to the south.

The Royal Society of Tasmania 2020 Calendar is now available for purchase. A beautiful gift for any occasion. The calendar can be purchased at our online shop, by postal order or directly from the Royal Society rooms.

If you purchase directly from the Royal Society rooms, the price is \$18.00 – open Wednesday mornings at 19 Davey St (opp. Constitution Dock).  
Retail price: \$19.95 – click here to go to our [online shop](#).

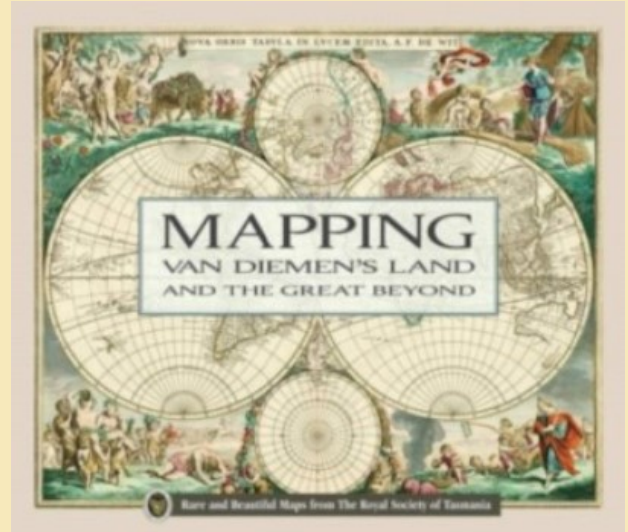
Or order by post for \$24.00 per copy (including handling and postage within

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Download the Order Form here: [2020 Calendar Order Form](#)

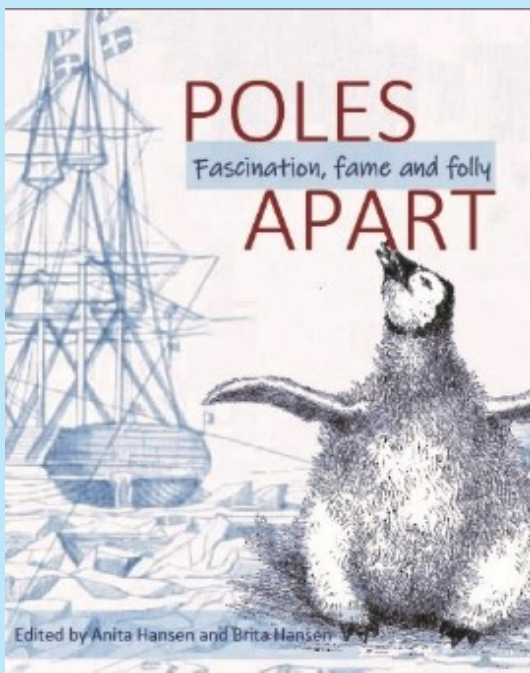
## Recent Royal Society of Tasmania Publications

The first book published in 2018 by The Royal Society of Tasmania to celebrate its 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year was ***Mapping Van Diemen's Land and the Great Beyond***, edited by Lynn Davies, Margaret Davies and Warren Boyles.



This highly informative volume contains over 100 high resolution images of rare and beautiful maps from the Society's Rare Book Collection with interpretive text from a range of authoritative contributors. This beautiful book is a 'must' for everyone's personal library. Available in hardcover for \$65 or soft cover \$45.

**Purchase your copy of 'Mapping Van Diemen's Land and the Great Beyond' now.**



The second book published as part of the Society's 175th Anniversary celebrations is ***Poles Apart: Fascination, Fame and Folly*** edited by Dr Anita Hansen and Dr Brita Hansen and is based on the Society's Rare Books 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 both taming and understanding our amazing icy wilderness. Both hard and soft cover versions are available and can be obtained from the [Society's website](#) and from bookshops. The 1000 hardcover copies are numbered and signed by the editors.

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### REVISED 'POLES APART' INDEX

A number of errors have unfortunately been found in the index to our recent book *Poles Apart: Fascination, fame and folly*. A revised index is now available. A printed version is available free of charge to purchasers of the book and can be collected from the RST office on Wednesday mornings or at any of our lectures. Alternatively, a printed copy can be mailed out or pdf can be provided by email by contacting the office: [Royal.Society@tmag.tas.gov.au](mailto:Royal.Society@tmag.tas.gov.au)

**Purchase 'Poles Apart: Fascination, Fame and Folly' now.**

## Save the Date

### Hobart March 2020 Event

All welcome: Members and friends are invited to attend the presentation on **Sunday 5 April 2020 at 3 pm** in the Royal Society rooms at Customs House (via Dunn Place). The presenter will be the President of the Jane Austen Society, Australia, **Susannah Fullerton** who will talk on ***Dr Johnson and his Dictionary***. The idea of a quality dictionary was first mooted by the UK Royal Society.

Open to the general public. **Admission:** free for members of The Royal Society of Tasmania \*



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### **The Northern Branch**

The next meeting for the Northern Branch will be on **Sunday 22 March 2020 at 1.15 pm** for the **Annual General Meeting**. This will be followed by the Annual QVMAG staff lecture by **Andrew Parsons** who will talk on **Map Spam - (yet more of) Launceston Revealed**.

Open to the general public. **Admission:** free for members of the Royal Society of Tasmania \*

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[Meeting Room, Inveresk QVMAG](#)



The Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) is open Tuesdays to Sundays between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm from 1 April until 24 December.

TMAG is also open from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm on Monday public holidays year-round.

The museum is closed Good Friday, Anzac Day (25 April) and Christmas Day.


[TMAG What's On - calendar of events.](#)



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