

The Royal Society of Tasmania
Northern Chapter



Northern Chapter Notes November 2015

Upcoming Launceston Lectures:

Last lecture for this year:

November 22nd - *Connections between Volcanoes and Ore Deposits*
Professor Jocelyn McPhie

First lecture for next year:

February 28th - *Radar and Electromagnetics*
Dr Nick Shuley

** Please let us know if you are coming - phone the Museum on 6323 3798, or email
bookings@qvmag.tas.gov.au

LECTURE PROGRAM FOR 2016

Dates are being arranged for speakers on a variety of topics, including the architecture of Launceston, electromagnetics and radar. 2016 will also see the introduction of a special, yearly lecture by a member of QVMAG staff, and we are delighted to reveal that our inaugural speaker, in April, will be the Director of the Museum, Mr Richard Mulvaney, on the topic of *The Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery's 125-year Reign: who made it happen, and what is the legacy*. Other potential topics include the biology of bees, anaesthetic and surgical care on the battlefield, Tasmanian orchids, the use of nanoparticles, cardiology, past, present and future, the impact of rising sea levels on Antarctic ice sheets, Jane Franklin: the real founder of the Royal Society, and mega volcanic eruptions and the greatest mass extinction of all time.

National Science Week falls on the 13th - 21st August in 2016, with a theme of *Drones, Droids and Robots*. We aim to provide a robotic-themed lecture in August as part of the official National Science Week program.

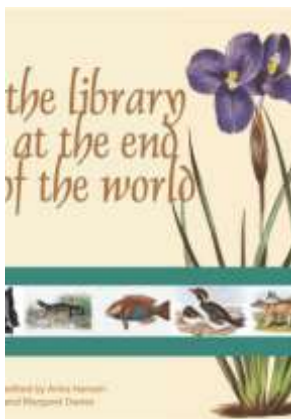
We are always interested to hear your ideas for potential speakers or topics, which you can forward to the honorary secretary, Chel Bardell: cj.bardell@bigpond.com.

ROYAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS LECTURE AND DINNER.

- The Royal Society's Christmas lecture for this year will be held on Tuesday the 1st December at 6pm in the Hobart CSIRO Lecture Theatre. The Speaker will be the Chief Justice of Tasmania, the Honourable Justice Alan Blow OAM, who will present *Tasmanian Cases in the High Court of Australia since Federation*. The lecture will be followed by a Christmas-themed two-course buffet meal, and the cost for the evening is \$35 per person. Please contact the Royal Society's Hobart office on 03 6165 7014, or by email royal.society@tmag.tas.gov.au if you wish to attend.

SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS.....

- The Royal Society's excellent book *The Library at the End of the World: Natural Science and its Illustrators*, would make an ideal Christmas present, as would the Society's 2016 Calendar, featuring floral and faunal artwork gems from the Royal Society's collection. All Royal Society publications are available from the Society website www.rst.org.au or by contacting the Hobart office on 03 6165 7014, or email royal.society@tmag.tas.gov.au. The 2016 calendar, and all sixteen of the Society's greeting cards, featuring artworks from *The Library at the End of the World*, are available before and after each of our lectures.



NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2016

We are in need of fresh faces on our Management Committee!

Several of our long-term members, who have done outstanding work for the Society for many years, will be retiring from the Committee this year.

Please consider if you, or another member you know, could make a contribution to the running of our dynamic and very successful Chapter. There are roles to suit various levels of involvement. We particularly need the following:

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| * Media Officer | * Membership Officer |
| * Newsletter Editor | * Events Manager |
| * Audio/Visual Operator | * Afternoon Tea Coordinator |
| * Treasurer | * Vice President |

Please speak to a Committee member, or contact the Honorary Secretary for further information: Chel Bardell cj.bardell@bigpond.com. Ph: 6362 3102

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Management Committee Meeting will be held prior to the Lecture on Sunday 28th February, 2016. Please feel free to contact any of the Committee members about matters related to our activities.

The Chapter Management Committee in 2015 comprises Dr Frank Madill (President) Dr Eric Ratcliff (Immediate Past President), Mr Brian East (Honorary Treasurer), Ms Chel Bardell (Honorary Secretary), and Mr Andrew Parsons (Librarian and Website Manager). Committee members are Mr Elvin Fist, Mr David Morris, and Dr George Merridew.

A PUBLICITY REMINDER

A further reminder to members that it would be appreciated if you would consider printing one or more copies of each of the lecture flyers when you receive them, and then asking your local shopkeepers to display them in their windows.