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## What made Tasmania?

A PUBLIC LECTURE TO CELEBRATE THE CENTENARY OF  
THE NORTHERN BRANCH BY

## Ralph Bottrill

where: Meeting Room, QVMAG at Inveresk

when: **1.15 pm** Sunday 27th June 2021

in the presence of Her Excellency  
the Honourable Barbara Baker, Governor of Tasmania

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To commemorate the inaugural meeting of the Northern Branch on 27 June 1921 delivered by the Government Geologist, Loftus-Hills, this lecture will revisit the subject of geology but with the focus on developments in Tasmanian geology.

The geology of Tasmania is very ancient, complex, highly mineralised and controversial, and most of the west was poorly understood, until in recent decades the mapping, dating and information compilation coordinated by the Tasmanian Geological Survey (MRT) has enabled us to get much greater understanding, and produce detailed maps of most of it, despite the largely difficult terrain and complexity.

Ralph has an MSc in geology, and is a geologist and mineralogist, living near Hobart. He has worked for 36 years at Mineral Resources Tasmania where he manages the labs and rock collections and studies various Tasmanian mineral deposits, rocks and minerals. He is also an associate curator for minerals with the Tasmanian Museum and the Queen Victoria Museum.



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