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PUBLIC LECTURE BY

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The House That Paterson Built:

The Story of Launceston's Government Cottage

when: **1.30 pm Sunday 27th April 2025**

where: **Meeting Room, QVMAG at Inveresk**

admission: **Free for members of the Royal Society of Tasmania and children under 12**

\$7 general admission, QVMAG or TMAG Friends, and members of Launceston Historical Society

\$5 for students

Northern Tasmania's attempts to house vice-regal personages ranged from Paterson's early prefabricated buildings at Outer Cove and York Town to the modest cottage in Launceston. By 1885 this building was so dilapidated it was demolished and the land incorporated into today's City Park. This lecture not only reveals the history of the official Government residence, but also throws light on such facets as its symbolism and cultural significance.



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Lynette undertook a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in History and Archaeology at UTas in conjunction with University of New England. Her Honours degree featured a thesis on convict death at Port Arthur which led to a re-interpretation of the Isle of the Dead.

Past employment includes working as Heritage Officer at the Port Arthur Historic Site, positions at UTas, co-ordinator of operations at the historic Saumarez Homestead in NSW and operating as a private contractor. Her special interest is the history and archaeology of Australia's colonial period. She has recently had her book on the history of Launceston's Government Cottage published.

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