

“Whispers”

FEMALE FACTORY HISTORIC SITE

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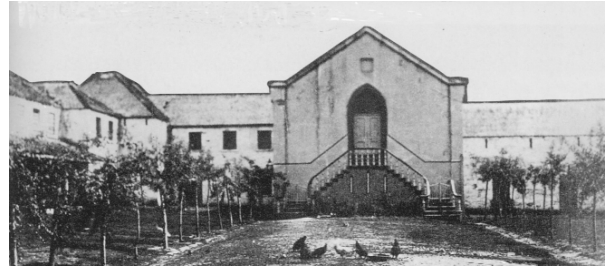
Historic Birthday Bash

A Major feature of the Tasmanian Heritage Festival is the presentation of Tasmania’s “Historic Birthday Bash” on Sunday 13th April.

This is a shared anniversary for three of the state’s most significant heritage sites, the Cascades Female Factory (180 years), The Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens (190 years) and the Commissarial Store (200 years) at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery.

Access is free at all three sites to this special event with a free shuttle bus operating between all venues from 9:30am onwards.

At the Cascades Female Factory patrons can experience all the delights of an Amazing Colonial Fair. Wander amongst the various stalls, enjoy the varied entertainment ranging from Tasmania’s top brass band, Glenorchy City Concert Brass, the Ethereal Folk Group, Scottish Country Dancing, South Hobart Primary School’s Choir and strolling players. Test your skills at the coconut shy, have your photo taken as a convict, introduce your child to the old game of Hopscotch and watch the children of South Hobart Primary in their Peddler’s Parade. Indulge yourself with our wonderful barbecue and sausage sizzle, feast on a traditional Devonshire Tea and enjoy a fine cappuccino or latte made with Australian grown coffee.



Our tour guides will take patrons on short guided tours of the site and Matron’s Cottage. View the latest Exhibition in the W.D. Booth Gallery “*Women’s Domestic Life in the Colony*” and see Jane, Lady Franklin’s historic 1836 Piano.

Adopt a convict lass and make a bonnet as part of artist in residence, Christina Henri’s global Community Arts “*Roses from the Heart*” project and just for fun have your fortune told by Madam Nicole Rajah, if you cross her palm with a gold coin.

Above all just don’t miss Tasmania’s Historic Birthday Bash – it may not happen again for another 180 years!!!

Volunteer Profile

*Joe & Alice
Carroll*



Joe and Alice have been volunteers at the Female Factory for two years. Joe, after 35 years in business, now enjoys spending his retirement entertaining tourists through his tours of the site while Alice looks after the office administration.

Proud grandparents, the two have spent the past 40 years living in Tasmania after emigrating from Scotland. Besides their work at the Female Factory the two are heavily involved in other community organisations.

2008 Anniversary Programme

Celebrate our 180th birthday with us, be a part of our history! Listed below is the proposed programme of events for the remainder of 2008

April and May

- Exhibition – WD Booth Gallery 11/4/08 – 30/5/08
Women's Domestic Life in the Colony (Official opening Friday 18 April)
- Possible Recital – Autumnal Mood
- Roses from the Heart Installation Opening 9/5/08
Mawson Place Waterside Pavilion
- Roses from the Heart at FFHS 11/5/08

June and July

- Exhibition – WD Booth Gallery 13/6/08 – 22/8/08
Elizabeth Fry – Quaker Prison Reformer
- Possible Recital – A Winter's Tale
- Festival of Voices at the FFHS 4/7/08 at 5:30pm
Workshop and Performances

September and October

- Exhibition – WD Booth Gallery 5/9/08 – 24/10/08
Louisa Meredith – Colonial Artist
- Possible Recital – Spring Song

November and December

- Exhibition – WD Booth Gallery 14/11/08–19/12/08
Children's Games in the Colony
- GALA Dinner – Tasman Room, Wrest Point 8/11/08
With featured guest artists

Our Tours

The tour of the historic site includes yards 1 and 3 of the original complex with interpretive plaques, archaeological digs and the Matron's Cottage in Yard 4. The Memorial Gardens, created in Memory of the women and children who passed through the site are particularly beautiful and are often used for wedding photography and small functions.

Tours (Bookings Essential)

1 Dec to 30 April 9:30am & 2pm
1 May to 30 Nov 9:30am only

Morning Tea with the Matron

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:30am
Bookings must be made at least 24 hours in advance

Our Totally Tasmanian Shop

We pride ourselves on the range of fine Tasmanian products on sale in our Site Shop.

Our range includes:-

- Fudges in all flavours from Bruny Island
- Bligh's Rocks from the Bruny Island Providor
- Matron's Pantry range of jams and preserves
- Gourlay's sweets and chocolate treats
- Fine Teas
- Coffee (Australian Grown)
- Lesley Black's Chutneys and Relishes
- Curry pastes from Tasmanian Island Curries
- Tasmanian Meringue Co. Meringues
- Old Agony Peppers
- Jade Sea Salt
- Roaring Forties Meat Rubs
- Tasmanian Gourmet sauces, jams and mustards
- Female Factory Quality T-Shirts and Aprons
- Handmade Convict Era Dolls
- Cascade soft drinks and juices
- Roses from the Heart Colonial Bonnet Kits
- Handmade exclusive jewellery
- A wide range of Tasmanian books and postcards
- Tasmanian honey
- Tasmanian shortbread

Our shop is open from 9am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays). You can be sure of a warm welcome from our great volunteer team.

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