PROGRAM

8:30 a.m.  Registration

9:00 a.m.  Welcome: Professor Stefan Petrow, Director, CTHS, University of Tasmania

9:05 a.m.  Associate Professor Don Garden, University of Melbourne
Droughts, Floods and Bushfires: Climate, Weather and Environmental Disasters in Australia Since 1788

9:55 a.m.  Mr. Ian Terry, TMAG
One Hell of an Inferno: Using Personal Testimony in a Museum Exhibition
Session Chair: Professor Stefan Petrow

10:45 a.m.  Morning Tea

11:10 a.m.  Dr. Carol Freeman, University of Tasmania
‘A Mere Memory’: The Scandalous Extinction of the Thylacine

12:00 noon  Associate Professor Peter Chapman, University of Tasmania
The Case of R.H. Woods, Principal Superintendent of Convicts: Guilty of Most Indiscreet Conduct or Victim of Slanderous Aspersions?
Session Chair: Dr. Tom Dunning

12:50 p.m.  Lunch

1:35 p.m.  POSTGRADUATE SESSION
Frieda Moran, University of Tasmania
‘Poison in the Milk’: Sanitation, Adulteration and Typhoid in 1880s Hobart

Michelle Berry, University of Tasmania
Hiding Eliza: Eliza Batman, Convict, Absconder, and Wife

Marcus Atkinson, University of Tasmania
Back Doors and Smoky Rooms: Six O’Clock Closing in Tasmania
Session Chair: Associate Professor Peter Chapman

3:05 p.m.  Stand up and stretch time!

3:10 p.m.  Professor Stefan Petrow, University of Tasmania
Men Behaving Badly: The Punishment of Tasmanian Soldiers in World War One

4:00 p.m.  Closing Remarks
SPEAKERS

**Don Garden** OAM FFAHS, FRHSV, is the President of the Federation of Australian Historical Societies, President of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, a member of the Australian Heritage Council and Vice President of the Kew Historical Society. Associate Professor Garden for many years taught History and Environmental History at the University of Melbourne, where he is now an honorary Fellow. He has written seventeen books (his brother points out it is really sixteen and a half as they shared one), a mixture of local and regional histories, biography, company history, an environmental history of Australia and the Pacific and a history of El Nino events in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific.

**Ian Terry** is Senior Curator, History at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery where he has worked since 2006. He has curated and co-curated many exhibitions. On 7 February 1967 110 bushfires joined together to engulf south-eastern Tasmania, killing 64 people and causing immense damage. In 2016 Ian captured 15 video testimonies of the disaster. The testimonies became the basis for a moving and award-winning exhibition called One Hell of an Inferno: The 1967 Tasmanian Bushfires, which provided a catharsis for a community still in grief 50 years on.

**Carol Freeman** completed her PhD at the University of Tasmania and is currently an Adjunct Researcher in the School of Humanities at the University of Tasmania. She has had a long association with the University, working in the Morris Miller and Royal Society Libraries in the early 1990s. Subsequently, she has been involved in the development of the interdisciplinary field of Animal Studies in Australia and has written extensively on representations of extinct and threatened species, the cultural histories of animals and ethics in human-animal relations.

**Peter Chapman** taught History at the University of Tasmania for many years, reaching the rank of Associate Professor. He has received a number of Australian Research Council grants for his long-term, on-going project the *Historical Records of Australia*, resumed series on Tasmania.

**Frieda Moran** is a graduate of the University of Tasmania and is currently completing Honours in the History and Classics Discipline at the University of Tasmania. Her Honours thesis is on the history of curry in Australia.

**Michelle Berry** has extensive experience in heritage preservation and is currently enrolled as a research Masters student in the History and Classics Discipline at the University of Tasmania. Her thesis is on Eliza Batman.

**Marcus Atkinson** is an Honours Graduate in History from the University of Tasmania, where he is currently enrolled as a PhD student. His thesis is on the history of suicide in Tasmania.

**Stefan Petrow** teaches Australian History at the University of Tasmania. He has published widely on Tasmanian history, specializing in legal and planning history. In 2016 he published (with Carey Denholm) *Dr. Edward Swarbreck Hall: Colonial Medical Scientist and Moral Activist* and is completing a book called *Tasmanian Anzacs: Tasmanian Soldiers and World War One*. 