

# Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery

## Free exhibition talks and tours

## February 2016

Tours are available from Wednesday to Sunday and specialty group tours can be arranged on request.

**Time:** 11:00 am

**Duration:** approximately 30 minutes

**Meeting point:** Central Gallery



### Art Highlights Tours

Take a tour and join in a conversation focusing on highlights from the current TMAG exhibitions. Discover what the art guides love about TMAG's treasures; the ideas, stories, art and craftsmanship that capture the imagination, evoke our emotions, and provoke our thinking. There will be a particular focus on pattern in composition to link to the *Pattern Play* exhibition.

**Tour dates: Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday (5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28 February)**

### TMAG's Historic Buildings

The TMAG precinct is one of Australia's most historically significant sites – come and discover the history of the buildings and how they have survived to the present day.

**Tour date: Thursday 4 February**

**Special meeting point: Courtyard veranda**

### Convict Artisans in Van Diemen's Land

Convicts often brought with them skills that benefitted the new colony. Find out about and see some of the fascinating items that convict artisans created.

**Tour date: Thursday 18 February**

### Private Secretary's Cottage

Among TMAG's extraordinary collection of artefacts is the Private Secretary's Cottage which sits at the centre of the museum site and provides an above-ground archaeological record of the state's earliest years.

**Tour dates: Every Wednesday (3, 10, 17 and 24 February)**

### The Preparation of Zoology Specimens

Over 90 per cent of the specimens in TMAG's vertebrate collection are prepared as scientific research specimens rather than traditional taxidermy as seen in the display galleries. TMAG's zoology curator will discuss the different preparation techniques used for display and research specimens, and will also explain why specimen based research using the TMAG research collection is fundamental to understanding animal systematics and ecology.

**Tour date: Thursday 11 February**

### Mosses in Detail

Join one of TMAG's botanists in the *Where Science Meets Art: The Botanical Illustrations of Rod Seppelt* exhibition to hear about the life cycle of moss, the varieties and the extraordinary detail of these fascinating plants when you look up close.

**Tour date: Thursday 25 February**

### More tours

**1:00 pm**

Highlights tour of our Welcome Garden, historic Commissariat Complex and the Bond Store exhibitions.

**2:00 pm**

Highlights tour of the treasures of the Central and Henry Hunter galleries.

### Settlement Secrets

Go on a theatrical journey through TMAG's buildings, which are the earliest still existing from the first European settlement of Hobart. This tour is produced by Antipodean Entertainment under licence to TMAG.

**Tour days: Tuesday - Saturday**

**Times: 11:30 am and 2:00 pm**

**Cost: \$20 adults, \$15 children, \$60 family (2 adults, 4 children), under 4s free**

**Visit the website at [www.antipodeanentertainment.com.au](http://www.antipodeanentertainment.com.au) for more information and to book.**

**Meeting point: Courtyard Veranda**

Free admission

Open Tuesday – Sunday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (closed Good Friday and Christmas Day)

Dunn Place, Hobart

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