

SEMINAR
Saturday 7 October 2023
Meeting room, Queen Victoria Museum, Inveresk

10.00 Registration

10.30 Chris Wisbey, *Random radio recollections*

Chris spent 38 years behind a microphone with the ABC (and a fair bit of time in front of a camera as a TV weather-boy!) working with 10 different ABC stations around Australia. Also seven years in Austria presenting English language news and magazine programmes. His twilight years were on ABC Radio in Tasmania, perhaps best known as Peter Cundall's hearing aid and translator. He would also like to think that his all-Tasmanian Sunday Programme might be remembered as well. There, memories of our amazing island were told first-hand or recalled by those who study the past. In that recollection, a reminder of why we are, who we are.

11.30 Jon Addison, *Memories of Weldborough: stories from the Chinese mining 'camp'*

The Chinese have a long history in Northern Tasmania, and particularly in the north-east. The largest settlement was on the edge of Weldborough, and despite being known as the 'Chinese Camp', it was actually an established part of the town. Jan Everett and Bob Chintock are both descendants of Chinese miners and grew up at Weldborough in the Chinese settlement. Their memories are a unique record of a hybrid and uniquely Tasmanian culture - a group of people who celebrated Chinese festivals, cooked Chinese food and identified as Chinese, but spoke little or no Cantonese. The experiences of Jan and Bob are a tangible link to a local culture that disappeared largely thanks to anti-Chinese immigration policies, and their memories of everyday life give us great insight into the lives of 'ordinary' Chinese migrants and their descendants. Jon is Senior Curator of History at QVMAG.

12.30 Lunch and AGM

1.30 Yvette Barry, *Reanimating the untold stories of women & children in 1920s Derby*

Tasmanian archives of the 1920s tend to offer a narrow and unsatisfying record of women and children—or omit them entirely. How, then, could some of the 'hidden' lives ignored in the inter-war record and whose voices have long faded be recovered? Yvette's PhD research at the University of Tasmania uses family and oral history interviews and fiction to revive the unrecorded – yet not forgotten – voices of women and children who lived in the mining town of Derby in north-east Tasmania during the 1920s. This paper centres around four women and children whose surprising life stories suggest that a more diverse inter-war history is still alive in the memories of Derby's residents. The reanimation of some of these untold stories is explored through a murder mystery novel.

2.30 Close

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