



Bangalore

VISIT TO BANGALORE

On the 3 November 2016, the Southern Regional members visited *Bangalore* for a tour of the home and grounds, a brief history by the owner Jim Colville AM and a wonderful morning tea.

Jim & Margaret Colville AM – with the assistance of friend Robert Gray – spent ten years of intensive work on the cottage, extensions and gardens. Their work has brought back from the brink a fine example of a colonial wooden cottage.

Last century *Bangalore* comprising 500 acres was owned by John Hayes, who had earlier been granted Marlbrook at Mangalore. He may have been responsible for the introduction of these names from Southern India, or it may relate to Macquarie's 73rd Regiment based in Hobart Town in the early 1800's. Their battle honours list Mangalore as they had served in India.

The cottage has been admired by many, but most felt it was past saving. If it had not been for a landslip in Rosetta completely damaging the Colville's residence, it is improbable that they would have taken on such a major project.

When the Colville's purchased *Bangalore* in 1993 the cottage was close to being lost forever. Years of unoccupied neglect left a borer and rat infested shell. When the wind blew, an entwined tree made the cottage vibrate. Thought to have been built in the 1840's -it may well have been earlier. The cottage has a frame of trimmed tree boughs in the natural round, a shingle roof, pit sawn floor boards, vertical lines of hand forged nail heads in the front façade under the veranda, brick noggin and in some areas dirt floors.

A rare colonial Bakehouse has been enclosed as a preservation measure, within the new extensions which link the rear of

the original house seen from the road with the original brick barn and wooden shed at the rear. Materials for the new extensions came from many sources including a cottage pulled down at the Friends School. The large blue gum beams, up to 12 metres in length came from a century old wharf at Devonport which was dismantled in 1994.

A stained-glass window placed in the kitchen took Jim over a year to restore. A beautifully crafted Blackwood over mantle, located in the lounge, was designed and built by Orlando Baker, the Government Architect, at the beginning of the century. He also designed the Customs House opposite Victoria Dock, Hobart. The kitchen cupboards were built of Macracarpa Pine milled from trees like those growing in the grounds of *Bangalore*. Items of interest include a superb copper foil stained glass window made from over 1,200 pieces, by Tasmanian artist Graham Mace and a Monitor (lizard) carved from a rough piece of Huon Pine by Chris Selby of Western Junction. The kitchen table was made from a 1,000-year-old piece of Huon Pine.

Years of hard work have established a garden with an amazing walk between hundreds of tree ferns. The Church, built in 2000, is the smallest working Church in Australia and the smallest "convict brick Church" in the world (only 3 square metres). The windows and doors came from a Church in Branhholm pulled down in 1990 and the convict bricks (circa 1824) show many thumb and animal prints.

Bangalore has featured in several articles since its restoration and the ABC TV program "The Collectors" also highlighted Margaret's 650 plus thimble collection in September 2008.

The cottage is listed on the National Estate.



Church



Old Bakery



Chain Saw Carving of Jim & the late Margaret Colville

MRS ANNE TAYLOR OAM

Anne Taylor's tireless dedication to improving the safety of farmers as they go about their daily work was recognised by the award of a Medal of the Order of Australia on the Queen's Birthday Honours 2013.

Anne graduated as a Physiotherapist in 1970, and began work at the Launceston General Hospital. Her interest in farm safety and injury prevention was sparked by two strong images – farmer's desperation to get back to work, and the disastrous and life-altering injuries sustained by young farm men. She married a farmer Jim Taylor who, when asked by strangers what business they were in, would often reply "the business of drugs and gambling – one enterprise is growing raw products for the pharmaceutical industry and the other is farming in general which is a daily gamble with weather, markets and other factors".

In the late 1990s upon her husband's concern for the health of one of his new young employees – formerly a shearer – Anne invited several neighbouring farmers and their wives to a workshop focusing on preventing back injuries. It was at this workshop she learnt that none of the dynamic progressive young farmers had received any "safety training" in their undergraduate Agricultural courses. Anne with a nurse and a safety inspector then initiated some "on farm" safety courses. This culminated in her winning the 2000 RIRDC Rural Women's Award.

Anne became the founding chair of Proactive Agricultural Safety and Support Inc. (PASS). It was formed in February 2007, 3 weeks after the electrocution of two 21 year old farm workers, the 5th & 6th fatalities in 5 years in a 20 kilometre radius of Cressy a rural village.

On receipt of her award Anne said "There is so much to do, to engage the grass roots farmer, including the hobby farmer and their communities to become 'proactive' rather than 'reactive' about safety matters."

Anne recently retired as the Vice-Chairman of Farmsafe Australia and has been an active member of the Safety Institute of Australia; the Australian Association of Manutention Practitioners, Tasmanian Women in Agriculture and the Australian Physiotherapists Association Occupational Health special interest group.

Anne Taylor's skill, dedication and commitment to farm safety has resulted in a vastly increased awareness by the industry and the saving of many people working in Tasmanian Agriculture from death or serious injury.



**HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR ASSOCIATION
CHECK OUR WEBSITE www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au**



NORTHERN REGION NOTES



L to R: Dr Frank Madill AM, Terry Heggaton OAM, Graeme Barwick OAM, Therese Von Samorzewski OAM, Clive Lee AM ASM, Joan Green OAM, Nicholas Chantler AM & Betty Tasker OAM

Once again a large number of members and spouses and friends turned out at the Annual Mayoral Reception on the 20th of October. Mayor Albert Van Zetten spoke warmly on the role of the Association and the importance of the Order of Australia Awards. We continue to thank our Mayor for highlighting the Order of Australia Awards at citizenship ceremonies and hope that this can be a routine part of citizenship ceremonies in all the other municipalities in our region. The Regional Committee will continue to press this issue. One of the highlights of our year's

PROFILE LINDSAY MILLAR OAM

In 1932 Lindsay Millar's family moved to the 'Rewa' orchard property at Hillwood on the East Tamar. Lindsay was born on 22nd. March 1934, he attended Hillwood Primary School - one room with one teacher, 25 students from Grade 1 to 6. He went on to Launceston High School and joined the Air Cadets in 1948, not knowing what an extraordinary part flying would play in his life. In 1951 he joined his father on the orchard and in March of 1953 he began 6 months of National Service with the RAAF - as a transport driver. He joined the Tasmanian Aero Club in 1956 and quickly obtained his private pilot's licence flying the iconic DH82 "Tiger Moth". He joined the Tasmanian Aero Club committee, and went on to be President and ultimately a Life Member. In 1960 Lindsay joined the newly formed Royal Flying Doctor Service, Tasmanian section as a foundation member. In 1965 he was invited onto the RFDS Tasmanian Council and the Aviation Committee (Tas), attending National conferences, and meeting a wide section of the inspiring national RFDS community.

He married Marilyn in 1967 and they have 3 daughters and 2 grandsons. In 1968 Lindsay was a founder member of the George Town Airport Association

and assisted with the selection of site and construction of the aerodrome. In 1973 he piloted the first aircraft to land at the new George Town airport and served as committee president.

From 1976-1989 he served as councillor to the RFDS National Council and to the National Aviation Committee, and in 1982 was granted Honorary Life Membership of the Tasmanian Section following 2 years as Council President.

He has flown many types of aircraft and was the first private pilot in Australia to part own and be endorsed to fly an ex RAF Jet Provost T4 trainer. His daughter Kathryn shares his love of flying and with 42 years in between, both father and daughter first soloed in the same aircraft an Auster J2 'Arrow'. In 1987 he was also able to fly the replica of Kingsford Smith's famous "Southern Cross".

In 2002 Lindsay was elected to the RFDS National Board and from 2005-2007 a second term as Tasmanian Section President. In 2009 he was awarded an OAM for services to RFDS and the Tasmanian Aero Club and in February of the same year he was awarded the 'John Flynn Memorial Fellowship' recognising extraordinary

activities was a special evening function at the home of Mrs Joan Green OAM (see article winter edition The Order). Joan made her beautiful home "Sherrington" available for a cocktail evening, the theme being history and music. Over 50 people enjoyed a string quartet comprised of students from Scotch Oakburn College and piano recital by their music teacher Meredith Morrell. The beautiful home and gardens were enjoyed along with the many historic items contained within. Joan has generously offered to provide her home again for a similar special function next year. Many, many thanks Joan.

Notable attendees were three husband and wife pairs who are both recipients of awards – Mr John Osborne OAM and his wife Beryl Osborne OAM, Mrs Elizabeth Smith OAM and her husband Robert Smith OAM and Mrs Berta Von Bibra OAM and Mr Kenneth Von Bibra AM.

The Northern Regional Committee is in the process of developing a pamphlet to be made available to conferees at citizenship ceremonies on Australia Day next year. When this is available we will follow-up with those councils who have yet to respond to our requests to include the incorporation of information on Order of Australia Awards in their citizenship ceremonies.

Thanks to all who have been actively involved in the region during 2016. It is most encouraging to the committee to see so many people coming forward enjoying the activities and being part of our organisation in Northern Tasmania.

achievement and merit in the service of RFDS. On October 22nd 2015, Lindsay Millar retired from the RFDS Tasmania Board after 50 years of service and was awarded 'Board Member Emeritus'.

In October this year at the 60th anniversary of the George Town Rotary Club, Lindsay was honoured by his former club with a Rotary 'Paul Harris Fellow' award for service to the community. Lindsay now enjoys his role as an aviation historian; he claims that he can "remember aircraft registrations better than people's names".

Through his lifelong involvement in flying, Lindsay Millar has made an outstanding and enduring contribution to the Tasmanian and National community.



Lindsay Millar OAM on the occasion of the presentation of the Rev. John Flynn Memorial Fellowship Award by the National Chair Major General Michael Jefferies

ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE OF TASMANIA



John Kirwan RFDs

The RFDS began in Northern Australia in 1928. Its service in Tasmania started in 1960 with strong support from aero clubs, Minister for Health and Secretary of the Department of Health. It purchased its first plane in 1993. The service is based at Launceston Airport, currently there is one (1) King Air B200 aircraft provided under contract from the RFDS SE (NSW) section. This includes support when the plane requires maintenance or when staff is on leave. In 2013/14 the plane flew over 465,000 kilometres, had almost 2,200 landings and over 1000 patient transfers.

Why is there a need for a Flying Doctor service in our relatively small island?

2.1% of Tasmanians live in remote areas with 2,500 living on the Bass Strait islands. 34% or just fewer than 200,000 people live in rural areas outside Tasmania's two main cities. Tasmanians living in rural and particularly in remote areas experience poorer health outcomes than those in the larger cities. The mission for the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Tasmania is to improve health outcomes for all Tasmanians by focusing on the health needs of remote and rural Tasmanians. It achieves this in a variety of ways;

- Supporting aero medical services and facilitating patient transfers.
- Providing primary health care services eg. providing Flinders Island Dental Service and dental services in selected remote primary schools.
- Supporting 6 student scholarships in medicine, nursing and dentistry.
- Supporting community engagement and education through specific programs.
- Undertaking and funding research on health needs of remote and rural Tasmanians.

RFDS Tas is managed by an 8 member volunteer board, and its CEO, Mr John Kirwan, who brought a wealth of experience in medical administration from his 6 years as CEO of the Launceston General Hospital. There are 8 people employed in the service in Tasmania.

One of the most outstanding contributors to the Tasmanian service is Lindsay Miller AM (see article in this edition). The Royal Flying Doctor Service provides a unique and valuable service in rural and regional Tasmania and we have been fortunate to have so many dedicated people working to establish, develop and grow it here in our island state.

TASMANIAN BRANCH NEWS

AGM

The Branch AGM will be held at "Entally House" on 26 February 2017 at 10:30am. The meeting will be followed by lunch.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS POST INVESTITURE DINNER

On Friday 12 May 2017 the Australia Day Awards Post Investiture Dinner will be held at Blundstone Arena, Bellerive at 6:30pm for 7:00pm. Further details are available from the Functions Manager Sue Cox AM phone 6243 0000 or email sue_cox@bigpond.net.au.

2019 OAA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 2019 OAA National Conference will be held in Hobart and a planning committee lead by Alastair Douglas OAM has been meeting in preparation for the event.

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