



The Order of Australia Association
Tasmania Branch
Southern Regional Group
REMINDER and CHANGE OF DATE
Investiture Dinner

NEXT MEETING:

Our Next meeting will include a tour of historic Claremont House which will include a tea buffet.

Claremont House c1830, after years of meticulous restoration is now open as one of Tasmania's premier accommodation venues. Luxury heritage accommodation within the Victorian Italianate mansion is now available.

Claremont House, originally a four room Georgian circa 1830 has a rich and varied history. For the first century of its life, Claremont House was owned by wealthy and powerful merchants, businessmen, politicians and a former Australian Test Cricket Captain. Claremont House was a grand mansion, located on top of a hill looking down on the surrounding lands. It had extensive gardens, both formal and informal, farmlands, orchards and a band of staff to run the property and household. The evolution of the property during this time reflected changing fashions and tastes, as well as material changes in architecture and building that is still evident in the existing fabric of the house.

In 1940 the property passed into the hands of the Red Cross Society which used the house has a convalescent home for returned servicemen. Following World War II, the Lady Clark Hospital became a rehabilitation center for servicemen and later the general community after it was acquired by the Royal Hobart Hospital in 1951. The Lady Clark Rehabilitation Hospital ceased operation in 1980 and Claremont House was passed into the hands of the education department. Adult education classes were held at the property until 1996 until increasing maintenance costs caused relinquish of the building.

In 1996 the local council passed a demolition order on the property in order to facilitate its sale to private ownership. During its time as a public building, much of the original parcel of land had been divided and sold off into private enterprise. Claremont House had been condemned by the government and was to become another historic building lost forever.

A group of locals formed the Claremont House Association chaired by a woman named Sandra Lynch. Paul Davies Pty. Ltd., an architect and Heritage Consultant from Sydney, was brought in to report on the house and the significance of it to Tasmania's history. The resulting report, a three volume Conservation Management Plan 1996, has now been written into a Part 5 agreement on the title of the property.

Claremont House, a Victorian Italianate Mansion, stands today on 5 acres of land overlooking the suburb that drew its name from the house. It enjoys 360 degree views from its upper floors and four story widow's walk.



Please reply (RSVP) Dr John Thorne AM JP Mobile 0409 817 898 or email thorne.hobart@gmail.com

Summary:

Date: Wednesday, 23rd August, 2017.

Time: 10:30 am Tour of Claremont House and tea buffet

Place: Claremont House, 12 Lady Clark Avenue, Claremont

Cost: \$28.00 per person includes tour and tea buffet

RSVP: by 18th August, 2017 to Dr John Thorne AM JP at: thorne.hobart@gmail.com or telephone 0409 817 898

Post Investiture Dinner 8th September, 2017: The next Post Investiture Dinner will be held at the Blundstone Arena to congratulate the Australia Day 2017 Recipients. Cost will be \$65 per head and bookings can be made with Sue Cox AM by ringing mobile 0488 109 168.