

STANLEY DISCOVERY MUSEUM

Newsletter

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WELCOME TO OUR NINETEENTH NEWSLETTER!

Apologies for being so late with this edition of the Museum Newsletter; no excuses just been busy! The months just seem to roll by and our beautiful spell of weather has continued over autumn and now halfway through winter. There have been cold patches but then it is winter!

I hope you find this edition interesting reading with the stained glass windows in St Paul's Church; it is great to know so much more about their history and the people they have been dedicated to.

Even though the Museum is closed for winter, we are still fielding enquiries and opening upon request. We thank Patricia and Max at Providore 24 for holding books on our behalf and for forwarding on enquiries. I was also recently introduced to "Podcast" by Jason and Tim of Time Travellers North West Coast which was an interesting experience!

Hopefully by the next Newsletter we will be able to report on the Museum Hall renovations being commenced which are required to be completed by 31st December.

Thanks again for your continuing support. We would love more volunteers to help out hosting once the Museum opens again so if you have some spare time or know of anyone please let us know. Hosting does not require you to have a knowledge of Stanley's history.

Sue Smedley (President)

GROUNDS OF ST PAUL'S



The large New Zealand Christmas tree situated in front of St Paul's Church was recently cut back and chipped. It will sprout again and can hopefully be kept in trim.

There are plans for further trimming and removing of shrubbery.

HAPPENINGS AROUND STANLEY



Thank you to the Circular Head Council Parks team who have commenced revegetation work on the bank above the walkway from the Caravan Park to the “Little Wharf”.

The worst part has been completely replanted with native trees and plants and mulched while Stage 2 will include selective removal of dead or unhealthy plants and replaced.

In 1996 the Stanley community cleaned and planted this area for the National Tidy Towns judging which Stanley went on to win.

(Photo courtesy of Circular Head Council Facebook Page)

Hospitality Accolades Continue

At the Tasmanian Hospitality Awards in May, the Ship Inn won Gold for Accommodation Venue of the Year; Best Superior Hotel Accommodation as well as Best Environmental and Recycling Practice. They also won Silver for Outstanding Achievement in Training and Workforce Development.

The Stanley Hotel won Gold for the Best Restaurant in a Hotel and Bronze for Best Bistro Dining
Congratulations!



Above: Pylons are being driven in readiness for a floating pontoon that should be finished by the end of the year. Work is being undertaken by TasPorts.



Scallop season is in full swing with boats arriving and being unloaded in readiness for splitting.



POET'S COTTAGE



Poet's Cottage – Tales of Renewal Part 2

Thankfully, we have received many compliments of the new paintwork on Poet's Cottage. We love it and think that the old girl is looking quite refreshed. We have been busy with the repainting and refurbishing of the inside too, and are pleased to say that we have five complete rooms, albeit that three of them await their ensuite bathrooms! One of these is almost there with Johnny Tags beginning the tiling and plastering this week. We are particularly pleased with the repointed bluestone walls which will be real features in two bedrooms on the northern side of the building.

Preparation for the two new ensuites, has required the complete gutting and removal of the kitchen which has made for very interesting times! This has included the removal of two current bathrooms, currently located in the same area, but on the wrong side of the kitchen to be saved. It is the vision which keeps us sane, although many would doubt the veracity in this, as Dave and I are continually challenged to keep cheerful! I was thinking of attaching photographs of the gutted kitchen but they really are unattractive and would do this gracious home a great disservice, so I shall spare you.

It is rewarding, though, to see the rotten walls and floors being made good and to see more light coming in throughout the house. We continue to be challenged by the weather, but love the sunny days and especially the stunningly beautiful sunny and wind free days!

In the meantime, work has clearly begun on the new build of our home at the back of Poet's Cottage. The roofers will be here next week and a big milestone will be reached. This will enable the cladding and closure of the house and then we can begin work on finishing. We love the work Coy's Constructions have done so far and are excited by the emerging reality of what our new home is becoming. We are very proud of our son, Thomas Coy, and his team of builders who are doing such an exceptional job.

Josh O'Connor who is building new stone walls continues to do an outstanding job. Again, we thank all of our tradies for their support and great workmanship.

Geraldine Coy

NEWS FROM THE MUSEUM – VISITORS



Visit by David Long and his daughter Sally

We first met David at the book launch in Hobart's Parliament House for Pirrie Shiel's book "Bridging the Strait" based on the first flight across Bass Strait by his relative, Lt Arthur Long in 1919.

David donated tiny fragments of Arthur's plane when he crashed landed in Wynyard.

Just to fill the gap! A snippet from the CH Chronicle 30th September 1936

Mrs Mollison woke on Saturday morning to find an elephant in her garden, pulling up cabbage plants with its trunk before eating them. Meanwhile the circus had left for Smithton by train, and the elephant had to be taken by road, causing a horse driven by the Misses Reilly of Wiltshire to bolt and take them back home. None of this trouble would have occurred, of course, if the elephant had belonged to the sensible sex. (Compiler – Oh Dear!)

Below: Des and Di from Launceston delivered a Huon Pine wood carving crafted by Mr Cliff Leatherbarrow, Margaret Monson's Grandfather, who just happened to be passing by (as you can tell it was cold) when they were in the Museum. What a surprise!



BURLEY REUNION

The Burley family held a reunion in Stanley in April. They are photographed here in the Stanley Town Hall. (Photo courtesy of Joan Burley)



Below: Alan Burley and Patrick McMahon visited the Museum while here for the Burley reunion. They were both very interesting to have a chat with and Alan kindly sent some great photos when he returned.





St Paul's Sunday School Choir

Back: Cheryl Burke, Graeme Monson, Stephen Monson, Tommy Burley, David Smedley,
Robert McMahon, Unsure (Possibly Rhonda Revell)

Middle: Alan Burley, Adrian Walters, Judith Hill, Brett Butler, Robert or John Pickup

Front: Joanne Butler, Glenda Perry, Mary Emmett, Unsure

(Photo supplied by Alan Burley)



1976 Back to Stanley State School

Back: John Jacobs, Ivan March, Alwyn March, Frank Grubb, Patrick McMahon, Paul
Burley

Front: Robert McMahon, Michael Johnston, Leslie Webber, Greg Close

The Memorial Windows of St Paul's Church

Upon entering St Paul's Church the striking stained glass window which faces you is a formidable structure with imposing beauty and would have to be the feature of the Church building. However, there are a total of three stained glass windows, all beautiful in their own right, and with their own background which makes them all special.

Compiler's Note: I have always been enthralled with each of the windows in St Paul's and only knew the sparse details of each of them. Through Trove many more details have been discovered which just add to their very interesting history.

The stained glass window which is the dominant feature as you enter St Paul's Church



The Reverend Thomas Andrew Moore-Campbell (1880-1934) was the Anglican rector at Stanley for nine years from 1925 to 1934 when he died after a long illness in August.

He was keenly involved in community activities during his time in Stanley including the Stanley Show, President of the Circular Head Football Association and Cricket Association where he also served as an umpire. He was Chaplain of the Masonic Lodge; President of the Stanley School Parents Association; served as a Councillor and was Governor of the Spencer Hospital until he died. In 1914 he married Jessie Mathews in Victoria; they had no children.

Two months after the death of her husband, Mrs Moore Campbell left for Melbourne accompanied by her sister, Miss Matthews. A large number of friends gathered on the wharf to bid them goodbye. Miss Meg Leatherbarrow presented Mrs Moore Campbell with a bouquet from the Junior Red Cross girls and Miss Peggy Holmes gave her one from the Stanley High School girls both conveying good wishes. Mrs Moore Campbell thanked them and said she hoped to return.

Stained Glass Windows (Cont)

In the Circular Head Chronicle 2nd June 1937, it was reported that *There was a large congregation at St Paul's Church on Sunday evening when the Bishop, Dr Snowdon hay, confirmed six candidates and dedicated a memorial window and tablet. He was assisted by the Rector and the Church-Wardens, Messrs W.E. Leggett, A.R. Smith and C. Leatherbarrow took up positions in the chancel during the service, Mr Leggett reading the Faculty. The service was choral and the choir sang "O Now Amiable are Thy Dwellings".*

(The window 72 inches in diameter) was designed and executed by Brooks Robinson PL of Melbourne and the subject is The Last Supper, after the famous painting by Leonardo da Vinci in the Church of San Marie delle Gracie (Santa Maria delle Grazie), Milan and is a beautiful piece of stained glass which should be an ornament to the Church and to the town of Stanley for all time. It shows the Apostles and the Saviour breaking bread. The figures are draped in the beautiful subdued colours and antique glass and keep as near the picture as is possible in the different medium, but the colours are a little more definite and the background gives the scene of a distant city, seen through the openings of the Upper Room, and in the foreground comes a table cloth in a creamy white, richly diapered and ?? with a glorious lot of colour in the form of a cushion. Needless to say the subject is most appropriate to the position that it occupies and adds greatly to the interior and exterior impressiveness of the Church. It was the gift of Mrs Moore Campbell.



Stained Glass Windows (Cont)

An opus sectile tablet set in marble was also dedicated. (From Google - An **opus sectile** is a work of art dating back to Roman times. Literally speaking, it refers to an artistic work on a large scale (opus), made from materials that are capable of being cut smoothly (sectile)).

This tablet is attached to the Church wall lining near the altar.



Santa Maria delle Grazie ("Holy Mary of Grace") is a Church and Dominican convent in Milan, northern Italy, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The church contains the mural of *The Last Supper* by Leonardo da Vinci, which is in the refectory of the convent.

The refectory of the Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan forms an integral part of this architectural complex, begun in 1463 and reworked at the end of the 15th century by Bramante.

On the north wall is *The Last Supper*, painted between 1495 and 1497 by Leonardo da Vinci.

The representation by Leonardo da Vinci depicted the moment immediately after Christ said, "One of you will betray me". Leonardo rejected the classical interpretation of the composition and had Jesus in the midst of the Apostles; he also created four groups of three figures on either side of Christ. The 12 Apostles reacted in differing ways; their movements and expressions are magnificently captured in Leonardo's work. (Wikipedia)



Stained Glass Windows (Cont)



The Light of the World

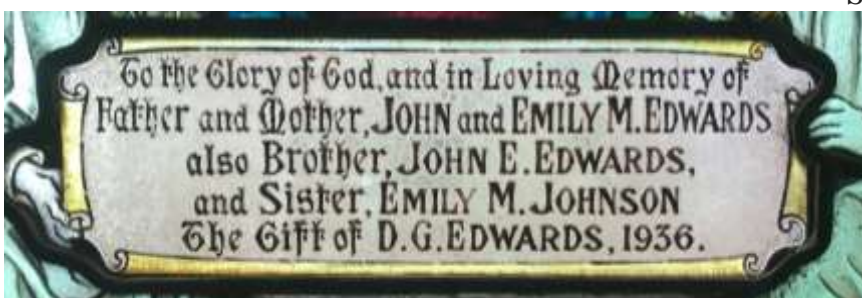
A dedication service was held at St Paul's Church on Monday evening, the service being conducted by the Bishop of Tasmania (Dr. R.S. Hay), assisted by the Rector (Rev J.J. Cramp), the Rector of Smithton (Rev. J.E. Atkins) and the Rector's Warden (Captain W.E. Leggett). A memorial blackwood altar, the gift of the daughters of the late Mrs Hannah Collins (Mrs Kelly and Miss L. Collins), and a single light window, "The Light of the World", the gift of Mr D.G. Edwards, to the memory of his father, the late Mr John Edwards, his mother, the late Mrs Emily M. Edwards, brother, Mr John E. Edwards and sister, Mrs Emily M. Johnson, were dedicated by Dr Hay.

The window was not only a work of art but in its details conveyed many lessons to all who would study it. During the service appropriate hymns were sung and the anthem, "The Lord is my Light" was rendered by the choir, the soprano solos being taken by Misses Eileen Leale and Clarice Jones.

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A memorial blackwood altar, the gift of the daughters of the late Mrs Hannah Collins (Mrs Kelly and Miss L. Collins) was also dedicated. The altar, which was of beautiful workmanship, would be of great service he said. Particular reference was made to the good work of those to whom the memorials were erected.

Source: Advocate 22 April 1936



Stained Glass Windows (Cont)



Messenger who came to St Paul on Damascus Road

This beautiful commemorative window, dedicated to the memory of the Cranswick brothers, was originally placed over the altar. It was then moved to the rear wall over the door and replaced by the "Rose Window".

Excerpts from the Circular Head Chronicle 17 & 24 May 1922)

Some time ago a memorial window was presented to St Paul's Church, Stanley, by Mrs

M. Cranswick in memory of her sons, Lieut. T.G. Cranswick and J. Cranswick. It has been placed in a position above the altar.

A good number was present at St Paul's Anglican Church, Stanley, on Monday evening last, when a special service was held for the dedication of a beautiful memorial window to Lieut. J.S. Cranswick and Lieut. T.G. Cranswick M.C., D.C.M., two Stanley lads who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Great War. Archbishop Richard was present and performed the unveiling ceremony and afterwards addressed the congregation. Appropriate hymns were sung and the choir rendered the anthem "Across the Bar". A most impressive service was concluded by the sounding of the "Last Post" and "The Reveille" by Flight Lieutenant J.J. Holmes.

The window was designed by Messrs Montgomery and Sons of Melbourne. The window depicts "a young knight in armour with drawn sword pointing skywards...the look of lofty idealism in the face of the young knight is reminiscent of the two boys who so nobly gave their all for King and Empire."

Details of the brothers has been mentioned previously so will not go in to detail here. Lieutenant John Stewart (Jack Stuart) Cranswick was killed in action in France 13th January 1917, aged 20 years. Lieutenant Thurstan George Cranswick, DCM, MC did return home in early 1919 but spent 12 months at Hornsey Military Hospital (Launceston General Hospital) and after undergoing several operations for an arm injury, he died on 18th November 1920 with tetanus.



Together, the three windows, add a special ambience to the beautiful interior of St Paul's Church. However, once the background of each window is known, a vast amount of personal contributions and sacrifice is uncovered and the windows are a testament to all.

There are many more items in the Church that have been donated and will be covered in forthcoming Newsletters.

Ashton's Circus 1964

Mention was made earlier of an elephant in Mrs Mollison's garden as part of a circus in 1936.
We do have photos from a visit by Ashton's Circus in 1964.



Tent on Rec Ground



Elephants Outside Bayview Hotel (Now Ship Inn)



John Jacobs (L) and Gordon (Porky) Beswick had a race along Church Street!

Snippet from CH Chronicle 12 September 1964

One of Stanley's best known fishing boats, Mr Vic Hardy's V.S.P. left on Saturday for Brisbane where she will be delivered to a new owner, who proposes to use her in the New Hebrides copra trade. Accompanying Mr Hardy on the trip are his son, Peter, brothers, Max and Tom, and Mr J.E. Clark. Given favourable conditions they expect to be home again early next week.

JOE LYONS CUP - CRICKET

The Joe Lyons Cup takes pride of place at Lyons Cottage, Stanley



(Source - Circular Head Chronicle 23rd Nov 1932)

The Prime Minister, the Hon J.A. Lyons, MHR, has written advising that he would like further to evince his interest in his native district by giving a small cup to be awarded at the end of the season to the premier cricket team of the municipality.

Lyons Cup won by Stanley Team

Some time ago the Prime Minister donated a fine silver cup to be competed for by cricket teams in the CH district. The Cup has been won by the Stanley team.

The Smithton team, Premiers of the far North Western Assoc and the Stanley team, Premiers of the CH Assocn, on Saturday concluded the match commenced on Anzac day. The match which

was to decide the ownership of the Cup, was played on the Forest ground and some of the best cricket of the season was seen.

After the match Mr HB Pithouse, on behalf of Mr Lyons, handed the trophy to Mr H.G. Cotton, President of the CH Cricket Association, who presented it to Mr L. Shreeves, Captain of the winning team, with the congratulations of the losing team and Assocn.

Cr WJ Waters, congratulating the Stanley team and its captain on their victory said the fielding of the team that day was the best he had seen for years. Responding, Mr OC Jacobs thanked the speakers for their kind remarks and assured them that the Stanley team was very proud of its success and the fine trophy it had won.



Back L: Hubert G. Cotton (President), Fred V. Ferguson, Alan Burley, Unknown, Ryton Breheny, Unknown, Alvin Borradale

Middle L: Unknown, Les Shreeve (Captain), Unknown

Front L: Ray Phillips, Cyril Haywood

(Photo supplied by Alan Burley)

The names of the team are listed in the newspaper but not with the photo, therefore names do stand to be corrected. If anyone can identify different to above or the unknown please notify.

Stanley Fire Brigade Long Service Medal Recipients July 2022



From L: Ron Stein, Milton de Jonge, Stuart Parker, Kayden Stein, Alan Bradfield, Owen Evans

Medal Recipients:

50 Years – Milton de Jonge

30 Years – Owen Evans

25 Years – Ron Stein and Jason Lovell

20 Years – Stuart Parker, Alan Bradfield and Robin Searle

15 Years – Matthew Wells

5 Years – Kayden Stein



Those Present on the Occasion of James Wells Retirement (Approx 50Yrs)

Back L: Shane Hine (Group Officer, Tas Fire Service), Trevor Kingston (Smithton Fire Brigade), Milton de Jonge, Wayne Wells, Eric Walters, Kayden Stein, Owen Evans, Stuart Parker
Front: James Smith AFSM, OAM, Greg Chin, James Lee, Alan Bradfield, James Wells, Ron Stein, Kevin Maguire

VALE IAN WALTERS (1941 – 24.4.2022)

Ian and Elaine Walters were both wonderful supporters of the Museum and the community of Stanley in general. Continuing on the business of W.T. House, first in Stanley and then in Smithton, they would generously sponsor the Circular Head Show, the Forest Stanley Football Club and the Stanley Golf Club Veterans, just to name a few.

In his football career, Ian is remembered as playing in the full back position and particularly for his long drop kicks. He played in the 1961 Stanley (Seagulls) premiership side, the first time they had won the Premiership since 1949. 1962 would be the last year they would play under the Stanley name. He was also President of the Football Club.

Ian was a founding member of the Union Supporters Club and held the position of President for twenty five years. Apart from offering help to local individuals and groups when in need, they raised a massive amount of funding for Cancer research, NW Cancer Group, Camp Quality and other groups.

Ian was well known for his ability to Emcee at a function and as such covered the Stanley Christmas Parade for many years.

On behalf of the Museum, deepest sympathy to Elaine and family.



1961 Stanley Football Team (Premiers)

Back L: Lindsay Webb (Coach), Mickey Bellinger, Laurie Deverell, Danny O'Mahoney, Ian Walters, Johnny Walters, Geoff Hamilton, Peter Johnston, Robin Gray,

Front L: Arnie Stokes, Ernie Dell, Dougie Smith, Albert Crisp, Trevor Horton, Peter French, Max Burgess, Errol Barrett, Alf Beeton, Bobby Watts, Rex Davern, Kevin (Bull) Hennessey

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