

# Richmond History Festival Conference

## Revised Program

Friday: 19 January 2024 : venue Richmond Town Hall		
4:00		Welcome & housekeeping
4:00 – 5:00		Chris Wisbey in conversation with Madeleine Shaw.
6:15 – 6:20		Coal River Valley Historical Society Journal launch
6:20 – 6:30	Theresa Sainty	Recognising the Mumirimina people and the Oyster Bay nation.
6:30 – 7:30	Keynote address: Henry Reynolds	<i>April 1804—The Most Consequential Moment in the History of the Coal River.</i>
Saturday: 20 January 2024 : venue Richmond Town Hall		
9:15 – 10:00	Alison Alexander	<i>Success and failure: lands grants in the Richmond district</i>
10:00 – 10:45	Wayne Smith	<i>The Secrets behind the naming of Richmond</i>
10:45 -11:00	Break	
11:00 – 11:45	Leon Atkinson-MacEwen	<i>Gilbert Robertson, Richmond Farmer, Chief District Constable, and political gadfly</i>
11:45 – 12:30	Cassandra Pybus	<i>Gilbert Robertson: Heathcliff in Van Diemen's Land</i>
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch break	
1:30 – 2:15	Miles Verschuur	<i>From Military Base to Prisoner of War Camp: Richmond, the Coal Valley, and their roles in the Tasmanian War.</i>
2:15- 3:00	Rebecca Read	<i>George Grover: Convict Flagellator</i>
3:00 – 3:15	Break	
3:15 – 4:00	Bradley Wood	<i>Henry Rice ; From Calcutta Convict to Coal River Farmer</i>
4:00 – 4:45	Denise Jeffrey	<i>John Burden : the Richmond Years</i>
4:45 – 5:15	Michelle Harris	<i>Reverend David Galer</i>
5:30	Event at Richmond Town Hall	Celebration of the contribution of the late Peter MacFie
Sunday: 21 January 2024 : Wattlebanks Function Room, Rear, 27 Bridge St		
9:15 – 10:00	Madonna Grehan	<i>The practice of James Murdoch MD, physician and obstetrician in Van Diemen's Land 1822-1848</i>
10:00 – 10:45	Louise Zarmati	<i>Where there's a will there's a way</i>
10:45 – 11:00	Break	
11:00 – 11:45	Hamish Maxwell-Stewart	<i>Unlocking the Past : Using Digital Technologies to Reconstruct Convict Labour</i>
11:45 – 12:30	Ann Westmore	<i>A troubled train line</i>
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch	
1:30 – 2:00	Michelle Harris	<i>Trooper Cyril Williams</i>
2:00 – 2:45	Ann Cripps	<i>Gardeners, Plant Collectors, Friends : Coal River Valley Connections</i>
2:45 – 3:00	Break	
3:00 – 3:30	Michelle Harris	<i>Richmond Speedway</i>
3:30 – 4:15	Reserve	
4:15	Conference close	