

# *EXCAVATING CONVICT LIVES*

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AT

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# TEAM MEMBERS

### Director of Kerry Lodge Archaeology Project:



Professor Eleanor C. Casella is a Professor of Historical Archaeology at the University of Manchester (UK). She is a specialist on historical and colonial archaeology in Australasia, North America, and Europe. Eleanor is best known for her excavation of the Ross Female Factory in Tasmania.

### Director of Archaeology Professional Learning:



Dr Louise Zarmati is an Archaeologist, teacher educator and Lecturer in the Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Tasmania. Louise designed and set up the archaeology professional learning program for teachers, which she piloted at Willow Court in 2017 & 2018.

### Archaeology Professional Learning team:



**Melissa Riley**  
Melissa is an Archaeologist, History teacher and ICT Coordinator at SCEGGS Darlinghurst in Sydney. Melissa specialising in developing resources for teaching archaeology in and outside of the classroom. She is currently undertaking a PhD in archaeology education at the University of Tasmania.



**Sarah Stockwin**  
Sarah was formerly Education Officer at Port Arthur. She now teaches Humanities at Ogilvie High School. Sarah is a specialist archaeological illustrator and is currently undertaking postgraduate studies at the University of Tasmania.



**Sasha Jessop**  
Sasha is a teacher educator at the Australian Catholic University and has years of experience in teacher education and professional development for teachers in both Primary and Secondary schooling. Sasha gained her archaeological experience excavating in the Agora in Greece.



**Lisa Pearce**  
Lisa is a History teacher with a masters degree in Egyptology from Macquarie University and has participated in numerous digs in the Middle East. She has more recently developed the 'Archaeology in Schools' program in Sydney.

# KERRY LODGE

## Teacher Professional Learning

The Kerry Lodge Teacher Professional Learning project provides the opportunity for teachers to engage with:

When and where is the dig being held?



### Fieldwork

Rare opportunity to work as an archaeologist on a genuine archaeological excavation in Tasmania

### Public Archaeology

Knowledge and skills to teach the general public about archaeology and the history of the site as part of the Public and Family Open Days to be held during both weeks of the excavation.

### Teaching skills

Practical archaeological skills that can be incorporated into their Teaching and Learning programs in History, mapped to both the Australian Curriculum, relevant State and Territory curricula and APTS.

### When?

Sunday 15th April to Sunday 22nd April. The preliminary itinerary is as follows:

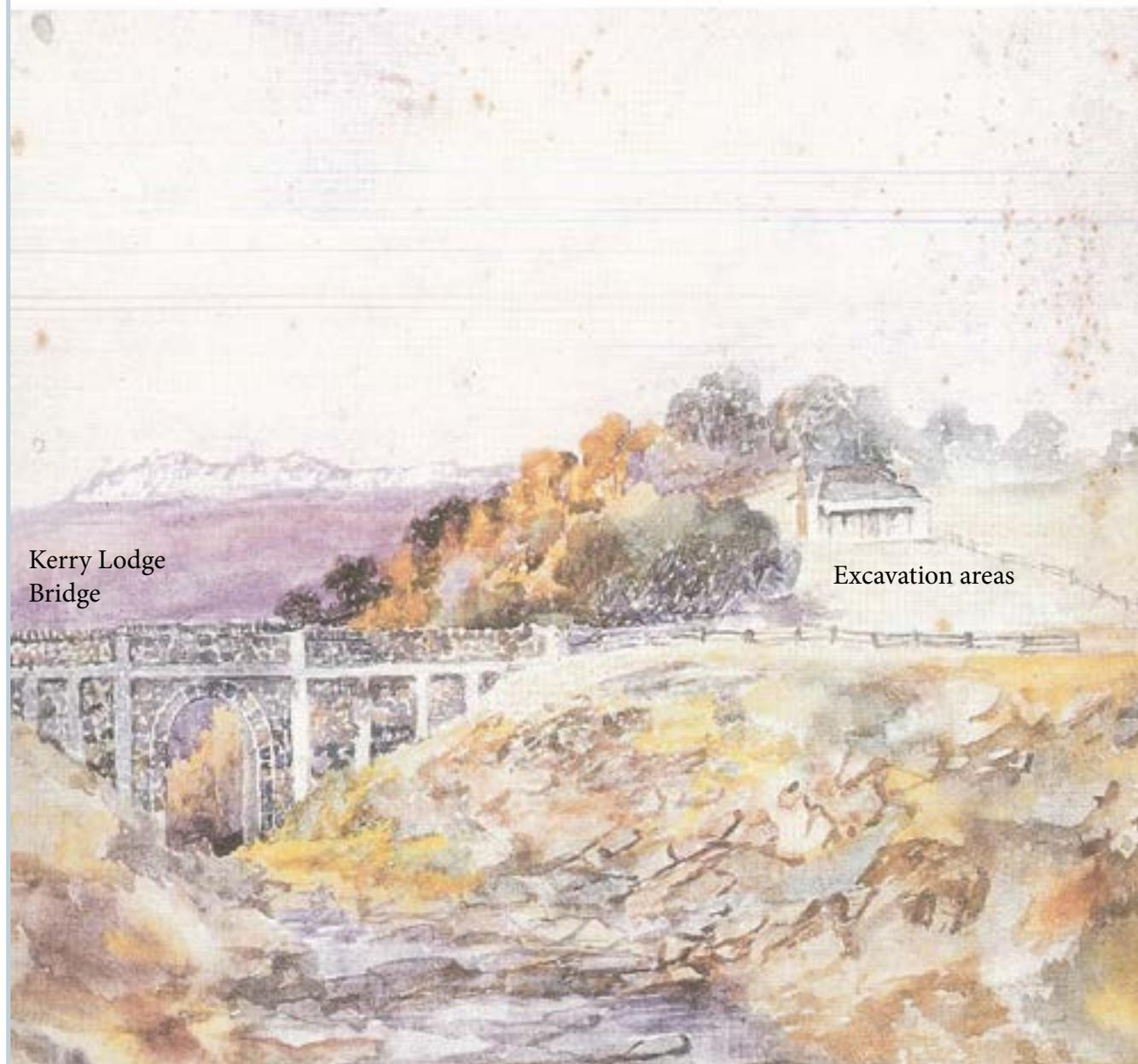
Sun 15/4: Arrive in Launceston, site orientation.  
Mon 16/4: Excavation + workshop  
Tue 17/4: Excavation + workshop  
Wed 18/4: Excavation + **afternoon off**  
Thu 19/4: FAMILY DAY OPEN DAY  
Fri 20/4: Excavation + workshop  
Sat 21/4: Excavation + workshop  
Sun 22/4: PUBLIC OPEN DAY, leave Launceston

### Where?

Kerry Lodge Convict Probation Station, which is situated about 8 kilometres south of Launceston, Tasmania.

### How?

You will be responsible for your own travel costs to and from Launceston and payment for your accommodation. We are in the process of arranging accommodation options and will advise successful applicants once arrangements have been finalised. You are welcome to bring partners and/or children, but it will not be possible for them to participate in the excavation.



## HISTORY OF THE SITE

### Kerry Lodge Bridge and Probation Station

The Kerry Lodge convict site was established in 1834 and was used until approximately 1847. The site was used as a stone quarry and sandstone working centre for the construction of the Strathroy Bridge and main highway.

As part of the early 19th century public works in Tasmania, a bridge on the Kerry Lodge property belonging to Theodore and Hannah Bartley was authorised for building by Lieutenant Governor Arthur in December 1833. Work on the site commenced in February 1834 under the oversight of Lieutenant William Kenworthy.

A convict probation station was to be built as well, to house the 40 to 60 convicts who would be working on the bridge, though it seems as though never

more than 34 convicts and a superintendent lived there at one time. The total cost of the project at the time was 128 pounds, 17 shillings and 4 pence.

Strathroy Bridge, Kerry Lodge Probation Station, the convict quarries and road were all added to the Tasmanian Heritage Register in 2016.

The bridge remains in use to this day, as part of the old road to Hobart.



## 2015/2016/2017 FIELD SEASONS

The Kerry Lodge Archaeology Project is a joint project between the University of Manchester (led by Professor Eleanor Casella), University of Tasmania, the Launceston Historical Society, and the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery.

The project commenced in February 2015, when a small test pit was dug at the site and a collapsed stone structure dating to the 19th century was found. The bridge, of course, remains in use to today, and both bluestone and gravel quarries used in its construction have been located near the site. Prior to the start of the archaeological excavations, the remains of two houses (one thought to be older than 1843) and the remains of a stone building thought to be the probation station were visible on the surface. More extensive excavations were undertaken in 2016 and beyond, and the project is now entering its fourth season in 2018.

During the second season of excavations in 2016, the overseer's cottage was excavated. A variety of artefacts were found, the refuse of daily life at the site, including broken bottles, blue and white china, a clay pipe, a metal door hinge, buttons and glass bottle stoppers.

When excavated the convict structure contained a water crossing and was likely to have been used as a police checkpoint.

"...that's where you can control the passage between the different police districts"

Professor Eleanor Casella

## 2018 FIELD SEASON

Places are limited for teachers who would like to participate in the 2018 field season, with a maximum of ten places.

A Professional Learning Fee of \$800 applies for your participation in the program. This PLF covers:

- \* Preparatory video lectures and site orientation.
- \* On-site instruction and supervision from archaeologists and team leaders.
- \* All excavation equipment.
- \* Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea each day you are on-site.
- \* Certificate of Completion from the University of Tasmania, and Professional Learning hours for maintenance of teacher accreditation through your relevant State body.

You are responsible for:

- \* Protective clothing (trousers, not shorts, and long-sleeved shirts, not t-shirts), protective boots, hat, sunscreen and sunglasses.
- \* Breakfasts and dinners whilst participating in the program.
- \* Travel to and from Launceston.
- \* Accommodation (see details on pg 3 for more information).

To register for this fabulous PL opportunity, leave your contact details via this Google form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/mAXm32d11JyLfWdH2>

or email Dr Louise Zarmati ([louise.zarmati@utas.edu.au](mailto:louise.zarmati@utas.edu.au))

Looking forward to seeing you on-site!

