

FRIENDS

It's open again!
Welcome back everyone.

AND THE FRIENDS CELEBRATED IN STYLE...

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The Friends' opening event

Before the public, before the crowds, and even before the official opening, the Friends of TMAG celebrated the reopening with a private viewing of the splendid new Museum and Art Gallery within its superb old heritage buildings.

On a balmy evening 160 members enjoyed a wide selection of nibbles and wines excellently catered and waited for by the redoubtable Kevin Redd and the wonderful TMAGgots.

You should have been there...

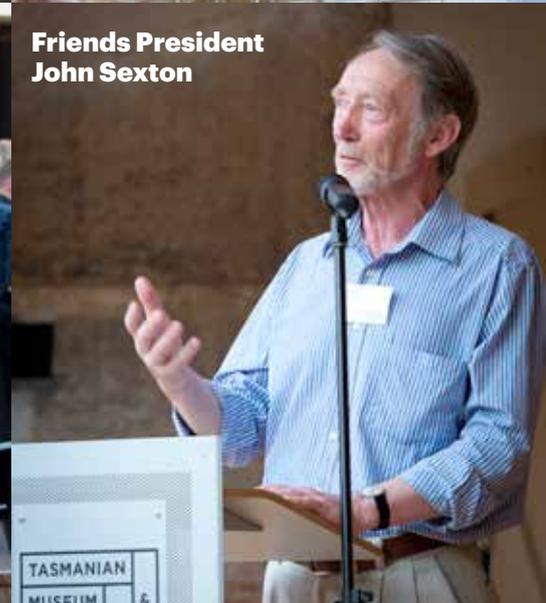
Photos by Lucia Rossi



Director Bill Bleathman with Maria Merse



Friends President John Sexton





Latest Friends' acquisition

Next time you visit make sure you see this remarkable creation (right) by Tasmanian furniture genius Patrick Hall, acquired by the Learning and Discovery Centre with major support from the Friends. Kids find it enthralling — and so will you!



Redevelopment Project Manager Jennifer Storer



From the President

As you know, one of the primary functions of the Friends of TMAG is to raise funds to support activities and acquisitions of TMAG that fall outside its sometimes restricted operational budget.

Keeping that in mind, let's have a look at some of the plans we have for the rest of this year and beyond.

At our Sneak Peek we missed out on seeing the extraordinary transformation that has occurred in the dusty and almost forgotten historical building called the **Bond Store**. This is now three floors of stunning galleries, and for some people it has already become their favourite part of the museum. And your committee is planning to make it the focus of a special fundraising event for members and guests around the middle of the year.

You will remember that in preparation for the redevelopment, the Friends bankrolled the project of bringing some **heritage showcases** up to modern museum standards. These showcases can now be seen in their full glory in the Bond Store Galleries, and they add a real sense of history and old style to the exhibitions.

We hope that you will agree that holding one special fundraising event

at a slightly increased charge every year around some significant theme is one idea that can help us increase our practical support of TMAG.

But we need lots of other good ideas! So please put your own thinking cap on and send us any suggestions as to what the Friends might do either to attract new members, to diversify our range of events, or to increase awareness in the public at large of the value to Tasmania of the new TMAG.

John Sexton



Membership that rewards you



The Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery collects, houses and safeguards our natural and cultural heritage and provides an insight into other cultures.

The Friends are a group of people formed to bring the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery to Tasmanians and Tasmanians to TMAG. The Friends aim to help TMAG with our time, our talents and our money and to make more information available to the community about the TMAG and its collections.

Part of the function of The Friends of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery Inc. is to raise funds to assist with the purchase of significant items for the TMAG.

The Friends of TMAG are part of a wider Australian group with similar aims, the Australian Federation of Friends of Museums (AFFM).

For more information or to join the Friends, mail or email your postal address to us or pick up a membership brochure from the TMAG reception desk.

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We almost always answer the phone at TMAG on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10 and 12, so that's the best time to phone. An email will get our attention at other times. And comments and suggestions are always welcome!

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