

# PORT ARTHUR TALKS

## **Dr Edward Swarbreck Hall: Colonial medical scientist and medical activist**

**presented by Dr Carey Denholm and Prof Stefan Petrow**

Dr Hall arrived in Van Diemen's Land in 1833 and died in 1881. During this time he was the leading Catholic layman, physician within the convict service in eight locations, was a pioneer epidemiologist, nationally and internationally recognised proponent for immunization and medical research, and active critic of the convict system. He was a prolific writer of many issues of the day to newspapers and appeared before tribunals and investigations. He regularly clashed with doctors, administrators, politicians and the clergy and demonstrated moral courage and passion in exposing the poor care of women and children at the Cascades Female Factory and the Queen's Orphan Asylum. Dr Hall worked for a time at Saltwater River and Impression Bay. With the death of his son, Leventhorpe, in 1936 and none of the five daughters marrying, the family line died out. This presentation covers Hall's remarkable life and his many contributions to Van Diemen's Land.

Dr Carey Denholm AM is the former Professor and Dean of Graduate Research at the University of Tasmania. After leaving UTAS in 2007 he held two professorial positions then returned to a private psychology practice with children and adolescents in Hobart. He is the author and co-author of a number of academic books and published works. Retirement afforded him the uninterrupted time required to work on this book with Professor Petrow. Prof Stefan Petrow teaches and conducts research in the History and Classics discipline at UTAS. He has authored a number of books and has published numerous articles on Tasmanian history. He is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and serves on the Editorial Board of the Australian Dictionary of Biography.

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**Junior Medical Officer's Conference Room  
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