

PORT ARTHUR TALKS

Cleansing the Colony: Transporting convicts from New Zealand to Van Diemen's Land

presented by Dr Kristyn Harman

Shortly after New Zealand became a British possession, transportation sentences to Van Diemen's Land became common to any that were deemed unwanted. As a result, at least 109 men and one woman arrived in Hobart from New Zealand between 1843 and 1853. Almost half of these men were, or had been, British soldiers, while others were sailors, 'white collar' criminals, Māori, or simply 'vagrants'.

This presentation shall explore colonial New Zealand attitudes towards colonisation, crime, and transportation. It will canvass the reasons why those sentenced to transportation became enmeshed in the courts and shall provide case studies to explore what became of those transported to Van Diemen's Land.

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