

PORT ARTHUR TALKS

Shoot, Catalogue, Eat: Interacting with Nature at a Tasmanian Penal Station

presented by Dr Richard Tuffin and Dr Caitlin Vertigan

The early history of the Port Arthur penal station (1830-77) was filled with scientific exploration that manifested in a variety of ways that we would consider somewhat outside the accepted scientific regime. Drs Vertigan and Tuffin will discuss some of the early and lesser known scientific work undertaken at the settlement, their (sometimes questionable) methods of collection, and how the knowledge gained then continues to influence both the scientific and historical fields today.

Caitlin Vertigan has a multidisciplinary background that spans formal qualifications in ecology, zoology, botany, and Antarctic science, as well as many years working in historic cultural heritage and tourism. She is currently responsible for overseeing the complex management of the natural environment administered by the Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority, navigating the (not always complementary) interplay of cultural and natural values.

Richard Tuffin has worked as a Historical Archaeologist in Australia, the Pacific and the UK. Having worked for the Port Arthur Historic Site, followed by a stint as a commercial archaeologist, he is now attached to an Australian Research Council grant as a Research Fellow with the University of New England. His primary area of interest is the archaeology and history of the Australian convict system.

ALL WELCOME!

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**Junior Medical Officer's Conference Room,
Port Arthur Historic Site**

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