

Port Arthur Talks

From quarry to workshop: convict labour at varying scales presented by Dr Richard Tuffin

The official closing date for our Australian Research Council project *Landscapes of Production and Punishment: the Tasman Peninsula 1830-1877* fast approaches. As it winds down, we are planning our next big research project – the archaeological investigation of Port Arthur’s workshops area. Both projects examine the processes and products of convict labour, asking how economic return was extracted from an unfree workforce. In this talk Dr Tuffin will share what we have learnt about the management of the convict labourer and how this shaped the landscape of the Tasman Peninsula. He will also discuss what we hope to learn about convict labour and its products from Port Arthur’s biggest archaeological excavation yet.

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!

Wednesday 5 February, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

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

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