

Projects supported by the Plomley Foundation since its establishment in 1984

Note: Year or round of funding indicates when the Foundation approved an application. Output in most cases does not materialise for one to three years after the approval of an application.

2025

- Dr. Alfonsina Arriaga Jimenez
Survey and document the leaf litter invertebrate fauna in two ecologically distinct locations in Northern Tasmania.

2024

- Fitzgerald, Shane
Publication of a catalogue to accompany the QVMAG exhibition, *The Gentle Protagonist: The art of Michael McWilliams*
- QVMAG Friends
Funding for the digitisation of oral history recordings on cassette tape held by QVMAG Archives

2023

- No projects were funded

2022

- Anita Gowers
In-depth examination of, and research into QVMAG's picture frame collection, employing QVMAG's Archives and examining the original moulds and empty frames
- Ann Cripps
Publication of a book on Tasmanian botanical and garden history

2021

- Rolan Eberhard
AMS radiocarbon dating for 10 samples of Late Pleistocene marsupial bones excavated from Scotchtown Cave, near Smithton, by Eric Scott in 1942, that are held by QVMAG

2020

- Dr Penelope Greenslade
The recording and description of a part of Tasmania's natural heritage endemic to the State. Up to 10 species of locally endemic Collembola are to be documented
- David Maynard
Funding for the purchase of two cabinets that will store a portion of the fifth largest Australian collection of 12,000 butterflies, donated to QVMAG in 2019
- Dr Nick Porch
The collection of and research into riparian insects from accessible sites across northern and western Tasmania

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2019

- John C. Douglas and David Maynard
Publication of a book entitled *Spiders of Tasmania* that is a field guide to over 300 species
- Dr Christine Hansen
Establishment of an Emerging Scholars program at QVMAG for new researchers to undertake paid internships to work on selected QVMAG collections

2018

Second round, August 2018

- Jon Addison and Caroline Heine
The photographing of recently sorted and catalogued artefacts excavated from Wybalenna, the Aboriginal settlement on Flinders Island, that are held by QVMAG. The digitised images will be made accessible online via the QVMAG Collections website
- Dr Diane Barton
Research into snake parasites, including their documentation and the comparison of the parasite fauna of Tasmanian snakes with those from other Australian states and territories

First round, March 2018

- Jon Addison and Caroline Heine
The cataloguing and management of artefacts excavated from Wybalenna, the Aboriginal settlement on Flinders Island, that are held by QVMAG
- Dr Cedric Creimere
Publication of scholarly editions in French and English versions of the original texts of two major voyages to the Pacific, and especially to Australia: *The Voyage of Discovery* by Péron, Freycinet and Lesueur and *The D'Entrecasteaux Voyage* by Labillardière

2017

Second round, October 2017

- Dr Keith Adkins
Publication of a book that examines Bishop Francis Russell Nixon's education and training in England and the almost twenty years spent in Tasmania, and also the talents, role and contribution of his wife Anna Maria
- Graham Mulligan and Julian Burgess
Creation of a directory of 300 clock and watch-makers active in Van Diemen's Land and Tasmania from 1812 to the present

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- Cindy Thomas
The completion of the cataloguing of Chinese archaeological material held by QVMAG and collected from Sir Garnet Creek and Greenstone Creek
- Rolan Eberhard
Research into the age and provenance of Tasmanian emu material held by QVMAG

2016

Second round, September 2016

- David Maynard
An audit of the QVMAG Botany Collection and the uploading of 20,000 digital records to State and National botanical databases

First round, March 2016

- Jon Addison and Dr Nic Haygarth
The preparation of text (written by Dr Nic Haygarth) for a book featuring photographs held by QVMAG and taken by Launceston photographer H J King
- Friends of the Launceston Mechanics' Institute
Cataloguing of the Launceston Mechanics' Institute Library collection via Libraries Australia (Trove)

2015

Second round, September 2015

- Bridget Arkless
Stage 2 of the photographing of works of art by the artist Bea Maddock held by QVMAG from 1984 to the present, for inclusion in a publication entitled *Bea Maddock : Catalogue Raisonne. Volume II, 1984-to the present*
- Peter Davies
Research (with a booklet and journal articles) into the historical and traditional information on three key seasonal migration routes of the Great Oyster Bay, northern Midlands/Stony Creek and Big River indigenous nations
- Natasha Watts
The digitisation of the 19th century sketchbooks of Catherine Penwarne Mitchell held by the University of Tasmania Library and to be made available via the University's open repository

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- Jai Paterson
The location, identification and storage of the Salter Collection of Tasmanian Aboriginal stone tools collected by the Rev. J. C. Salter from 1922-54 and held by QVMAG
- Dr Mary Scott
The publication of a book about the practising of the natural sciences in late 19th century Tasmania and entitled *A World in Things*

2014

Second round, October 2014

- Tom Dunning, Barbara Valentine and Paul Richards
The publication of a new history of Launceston entitled *The Fabric of Launceston: a collaborative community history*
- Denis Lake
The publication of a book on the Peddle chair entitled *The Windsor chair in Tasmania*

First round, April 2014

- Lynn Davies
The creation of a permanent digitized collection of Dr George Fordyce Story's archival materials held by the University of Tasmania Library and to be made available via the University's open repository
- Simon Fearn
The publication of a book entitled *Snakes of Tasmania*
- Dr Julie Gough
The production of a resource detailing the Aboriginal collections held by QVMAG

2013

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- Bridget Arkless
The photographing of works of art by the artist Bea Maddock held by QVMAG from 1984 to the present, for inclusion in a publication entitled *Bea Maddock : Catalogue Raisonne. Volume II, 1984-to the present*
- Andrew Osborn
A research project into the establishment of base-line data for the existence of Hymenopterous parasitoids of Dipterans in three regions of Tasmania

First round, April 2013

- Dr Michael Powell
The publication of one book and three journal articles examining Musquito and colonial Aboriginal resistance and the Black Wars
- Dr Richard Cosgrove and Evan Livingstone-Thomas
Research (with thesis) into Aboriginal stone tool artefact movement in Tasmania, including geological sourcing of QVMAG collections using x-ray fluorescence

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2012

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- Kristyn Harman
Research (with conference paper) into the history of the Oyster Cove Aboriginal Station mid19th century
- David Maynard and Megan Dykman
Research (with thesis) into the soft corals and sea fans (order Alcyonacea) of the Tamar River estuary
- Chris Tassell and Rhonda Hamilton
Research (with a report) that documents the interactions between the Tasmanian Aborigines and James Cox of Clarendon

First round, June 2012

- Jon Addison and Jai Patterson
The organisation and cataloguing of the Aboriginal stone tool collections held by QVMAG
- Alice Meredith Hodgson
The transcription of the daily journal of Miss Sarah Elizabeth Leake, written for the period 22 April 1854 to 7 May 1855 and published as a book entitled *Miss Leake's Journal*

2011

- Nigel Forteath and Andrew Osborn
The publication of QVMAG Record no. 116, 2012 entitled *Survival of endemic invertebrates of Lake Pedder and Lake Edgar subsequent to inundation*

2010

- Dr Keith Adkins
The publication of a book entitled *Reading in colonial Tasmania: the early years of the Evandale Subscription Library*
- Graeme Calder
Research towards the publication of a book entitled: *A long and winding road: a history of the Nara People of Southern Tasmania*
- Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery
Reprinting of QVMAG Records

2009

- Ian McFarlane
Research into the correspondence of Adolphus Schayer, published as a journal article entitled 'Adolphus Schayer: Van Diemen's Land and the Berlin papers', *Papers and proceedings of the Tasmanian Historical Research Association*

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2008

- Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery
Digitally available oral histories project
- Chris Tassell
The publication of QVMAG Record no. 114, 2008 entitled *Upper Ordovician gastropods from the Gordon Group, Western Tasmania*

2007

- No projects were funded

2006

- Cara Massey
The production of a Launceston Pise (mud brick) building collection guide – the 'Myoora' project
- Bob Mesibov
Further work on the taxonomy and distribution of Tasmanian millipedes and centipedes
- Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery
 - The production of a Tasmanian colonial whaling collection guide (excluding scrimshaw)
 - The production of a female factories collection guide
 - The documentation of the skeletal collection
 - The production of a radiography collection guide
 - The publication of the revised edition of N J B Plomley's 1966 book, *Friendly Mission* – published 2008

2005

- Kevin Bonham
Tasmanian island terrestrial mollusc survey, with a final report entitled *Invertebrate island research*
- Kim Simpson and Jai Paterson
The compilation of 19th century Museum donor documentation for QVMAG
- Brian Smith and Jan Watson
Hydroid research



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2004

- Bob Mesibov
Millipede research program
- John McPhee
The review and documentation of the painted photograph exhibition in preparation for the 2007/08 exhibition and catalogue, *The Painted Portrait Photograph in Tasmania 1850-1900*
- Jai Paterson
 - The production of a historical taxidermy collection guide for QVMAG
 - The compilation of a report entitled *Royal Park: a happy combination of the ornamental and the useful*

2003

- Bob Mesibov
Continuing studies on Tasmanian millipedes
- Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery
The preparation of collection guides and improved housing of the H H Scott, Fenton and Frankcombe scientific illustration archives

2002

- K B and A G Fenton
The archiving of data charts of the short duration solar-related cosmic ray intensity changes
- Ian Norton and Jane Guy
The funding for electronic snake tags as part of a quantitative study of the ecology and distribution of Tasmanian snake populations and their relationship to prey Species
- Barbara Valentine
The arrangement and description of the Mary Cameron archive held by QVMAG:
 - QVM 6: Herbarium records
 - CHS 59: Oscar Ralph Hart Collection
 - QVM 60: John Rowland Skemp records
 - CHS 61: Thomas Edgar Burns records

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2000-01

- Dick Bashford and Lisa Boutin
A contribution to the study of parasitic Acrocerid flies and their host spiders
- Bob Mesibov
Further work on the taxonomy and distribution of Tasmanian millipedes and centipedes
- Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery (Liz Coghlan and Barbara Valentine)
 - The preparation of a collection guide for the museum's science archives
 - The cataloguing of a collection of scientific reprints donated by Dr R H Green

1999-2000

- Lisa Boutin
Maggs Mountain spider collections sorting program
- Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery (Liz Coghlan, Robyn Stott and Barbara Valentine)
 - The preparation of collection guides for the W P Weston, Isabella Mead and N J B Plomley collections
 - Archival documentation of the papers of H H Scott

1998-99

- Bob Blakemore
Finalisation of taxonomic description of Tim Kingston's major Tasmanian earthworm project commenced in 1993/94
- David Steane and Mary Cameron
A study of coastal dunes at Waterhouse in north east Tasmania

1997-98

- Helen Dunn
A study of macro invertebrate communities of high altitude streams in the north eastern Tasmanian highlands
- Adrian Pinder
Histological sectioning as part of a taxonomic study of Tasmanian freshwater oligochaetes (segmented worms)
- Rob Walsh
A survey of macro invertebrate fauna from coastal wetlands of north east Tasmania - taxonomic study of histological sectioning of Tasmanian freshwater oligochaetes

1996-97

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1995-96

- Rob Blakemore and Tim Kingston
Taxonomic description of Tasmanian native earthworms
- Andrew Hingston and Mary Cameron
Botanical studies of plant communities on Mt Arthur, north east Tasmania
- Bob Mesibov
A study of invertebrate biogeography of Weavers Creek, north east Tasmania
- Peter Tyler
Research on aquatic fauna and flora of freshwater lagoons at Steiglitz, north east Tasmania
- The publication of QVMAG Record no. 103, 1996 entitled *Biogeography of northeast Tasmania. Proceedings of a symposium held 4-6 February 1995*

1994-95

- Mary Cameron and David Steane
Botanical Study of wetlands of north-east Tasmania with the main emphasis on plants in the Little Musselroe River area
- Greg Finnigan
Zoological sampling in association with the Cameron/Steane Wetlands survey of north-east Tasmania

1993-94

- Bob Mesibov
The publication of a report entitled *Millipede studies in northern Tasmania*
- N J B Plomley and Mary Cameron
The publication of QVMAG Record no. 101, 1993 entitled *Plant foods of the Tasmanian Aborigines*
- N J B Plomley
The publication of a book entitled *The Tasmanian Aborigines*

1992-93

- Jane Andrew (Griffith)
A study of the distribution of freshwater shrimp, Anaspides and Wetlands insect larvae
- Jeffrey A Campbell
Botanical studies and the collection of Tasmanian orchids
- Pierre Horwitz and Robert Walsh
A survey of crustacea of the north east Wetlands



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1991-92

- Phil Barker
A botanical survey of the northern slopes of Mount Gog
- Bob Mesibov
A millipede study:
 - Millipede studies in north east Tasmania (Millipede survey and taxonomy)
 - Studies on Tasmanian millipedes and freshwater molluscs
- N J B Plomley
A study of the early history of the Tamar Valley
- Purchases:
 - Prescription books dating from the early 1830s kept by the proprietor of the chemist trading as Hatton & Laws
 - Early dispensary items also from Hatton & Laws

1990-91

- Bob Mesibov
A millipede survey:
 - Regional comparison of intervertebral fauna of single forest type in north east and north west Tasmania
 - Distribution and conservation status of native earthworms in north east Tasmania
- N J B Plomley, Christine Cornell and Max Banks
The publication of QVMAG Record no. 99, 1990 entitled *Francois Peron's Natural History of Maria Island, Tasmania*
- David Steane
A survey on coastal heaths and wetlands of north east Tasmania (as far south as Jock's Lagoon, Georges Bay)

1989-90

- Bob Mesibov
A study of litter invertebrates of rain-forest leaf litter
- Louise Manka
The sorting and classification of coastal heathland terrestrial invertebrates of north east Tasmania (obtained by Tracey Churchill when she was studying the spider fauna of the north-eastern heathlands, 1985/86)



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1988-89

- John Davies
Botanical surveys of the Ben Lomond and Mt Barrow plateaus and adjacent regions
- N J B Plomley
Research and publication of:
Jorgen Jorgenson and the Aborigines of Van Diemens Land ... and on his role in the Roving Parties and the Black Line – published 1991
- N J B Plomley and Kristen Ann Henley
The sealers of Bass Strait and the Cape Barren Island community
- N J B Plomley
Research and publication of two QVMAG occasional papers entitled:
 - *The Westlake papers : records of interviews in Tasmania by Ernest Westlake, 1908-1910* - QVMAG Occasional Paper No. 4, 1991
 - *The Aboriginal / settler clash in Van Diemen's Land, 1803-1831* - QVMAG Occasional Paper No. 6, 1992
- Acquisition of a number of books for the Plomley Collection held by the QVMAG Library

1987-88

- Elspeth Wishart
The publication of an exhibition catalogue entitled *The Engineers' Art*
- Acquisition of a number of works for QVMAG, including a rare metal printing plate
- Funding for the Launceston Oral History exhibition program

1986-87

- Bob Mesibov
Distribution and conservation status of two undescribed onychophoran species in north east Tasmania
- Purchases:
 - A collection of Tasmanian apple, pear and jam labels
 - Late nineteenth and early twentieth century costumes from the Hobart Players
 - One of Governor Arthur's boards that had once been in the possession of G. A. Robinson



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1985-86

- Tracey Churchill
Spider fauna of coastal heath communities, north east Tasmania
- Terry Schwaner
A study of the population, dynamics and ecology of the Tiger Snake on Mt Chappell Island, Bass Strait
- Purchase:
 - Tasmanian historical material from the Marjorie Brennan sale, Bothwell
- Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery
Continuing support of six projects ranging from archaeology to social history and the decorative arts

1984-85

- The publication of an exhibition catalogue entitled *Beautiful & useful : the arts and crafts movement in Tasmania*
- A J Bigwood
A study of early tertiary flora of Tasmania
- Jill Cassidy
Historical research for the catalogue and exhibition *Tasmanian inventions & innovations*
- John B and Margaret J Davies
Botanical surveys of Ben Lomond Plateau and Mt Barrow
- Malcolm McKay
The analysis and cataloguing of Tasmanian Aboriginal stone tools in the QVMAG collections
- C Miley
Research for the exhibition *Beautiful and useful: the arts and crafts movement in Tasmania*. Support for publication of a catalogue for the exhibition
- Sharon Morgan
A study of European land use and settlement patterns in Tasmania until the 1830s
- Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery
 - Tasmanian Food Packaging exhibition and catalogue
 - Mowbray Swamp – Radio-carbon dating of specimens
- L Robson
A project investigating the location and archaeology of the Mt Gog ochre mine
- Claudia Sagona
A revised bibliography of literature on the Tasmanian Aborigines entitled *An annotated bibliography of the Tasmanian Aborigines 1970-1987 period* - published 1989

