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ATTENTION: Chiefs of Staff, News Directors



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## Quakers: the first 100 years

**BOOK LAUNCH: *QUAKER LIFE IN TASMANIA: THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS***

A new book detailing the history of Tasmania's Quaker community will be launched tomorrow at the University of Tasmania.

*Quaker life in Tasmania: the first hundred years* is an engagingly written and beautifully illustrated history of the Friends in Tasmania.

From 1832, with the arrival of the first missionaries in Hobart and the establishment of the first Meeting, the Quakers have made a disproportionate contribution to Tasmanian life and welfare. Their witness against the brutal treatment of Aborigines and convicts, and their enterprise and philanthropy, played a considerable role in Tasmania's evolution from a vice-ridden penal settlement to a self-reliant and humane society.

This is the fascinating story of remarkable women and men whose values, commitment and service remain an inspiration and living force in contemporary Tasmania.

The book contains 100 pictures of items selected from the collections of the Religious Society of Friends' Meeting House, the Friends' School, the University of Tasmania Library Special and Rare Collections, and private owners.

Michael Bennett is Professor of History at the University of Tasmania, the author of four books and many articles on British and Australian history.

**UWHAT: Launch: *Quaker life in Tasmania: the first hundred years***

**WHEN: 5.15 TOMORROW (Thursday, 15 February 2007)**

**WHERE: Morris Miller library, UTAS Sandy Bay campus**

**WHO: Prominent members of the Quaker community, including Lyndsay Farrall, Presiding Clerk, Religious Society of Friends Australia.**

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