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The Hobart Town (1804) First Settlers Association Inc. was formed forty years ago. Its annual major event is the FLORAL TRIBUTE each 20th FEBRUARY at the Hunter Street Monument unveiled by HM Queen Elizabeth 11 in 1954 the 150th anniversary of the arrival of Lieut. Governor David Collins and party of marines, administrative assistants, free settlers and convicts to form a garrison settlement on the Derwent. From this small beginning and including Bowen's group has grown Hobart and it's hinterland.

The Society's membership is now about 200 from Tasmania, Australia and other countries. The membership has grown from descendants of Collins' party to include descendants of Norfolk Islanders and early settlers(convict and free). Past Presidents have included Richard Lord, Henry Baldwin and Freda Gray OAM. Currently Warwick Risby is President all of whom made a considerable contribution to the elucidation of Tasmanian heritage and culture.

The Society's largest contribution to tourism, heritage and history was associated with the celebrations of 2004 when Patron, the current Lord Hobart, Miles Hobart-Hampton, Earl of Buckingham and his Lady joined members many from the mainland and overseas for a range of activities which contributed to the tourist industry including visits to sites of built heritage for a week around Floral Tribute time.

Members of the Society hold a reservoir of experience helpful to building good stories truthfully, to share with tourists. Similar heritage groups of focused interests likewise contribute and could contribute more to internal and visitor tourism. Schooltrips are also a significant contributor to the tourist industry, and for local children such activities add to their education and their development of identity.

Appropriate members of the society are willing to appear before the Committee if required.

This submission needs approval from a general meeting. This submission was moved, seconded and passed by a show of hands on the 3rd of March 2015.

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