

**FRANKLIN LECTURE SERIES**  
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Good evening everyone and welcome to this unique occasion at Government House, The Franklin Discovery Lecture.

I have no doubt that we are in for a special treat, despite the tragedy of the events as they unfolded in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

Sir John Franklin was Lieutenant-Governor of Van Diemen's Land between 1837 and 1843. He was the 12<sup>th</sup> administrator of this island.

Sir John and Lady Franklin had left the island before this present Government House was first occupied in 1858, but there is, I think, the sense of an unbroken link from those early years to the present. He did in fact lay a foundation stone for a new Government House on this site, but it has since been lost.

So we are fortunate indeed to have this Lecture presentation take place here in the Ball Room of Government House Tasmania, a room which in one guise or another – whether this one or the Ball Room in the original Government House occupied by the Franklins – has been witness to much of this island's social, cultural and dare I say political history.

So I again welcome you all – not least our good friends from Canada – and we can look forward to a truly wonderful and stimulating evening.

Thank you.