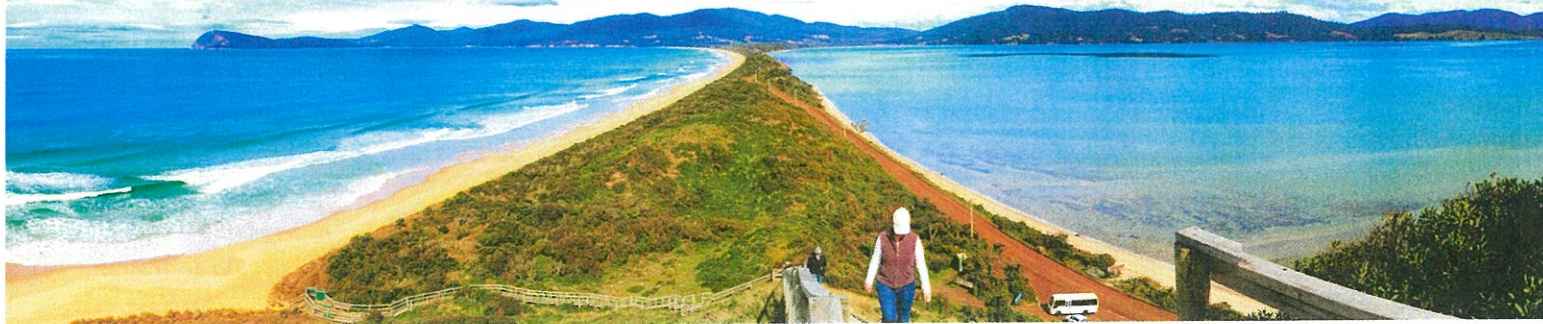


Hat-Trick in Hobart



by Damien Thomas

The 'Neck' on Bruny Island

The saying 'Good things come in small packages' certainly applies to the smallest capitol city in Australia, Hobart. There are an embarrassingly large number of great restaurants all within easy reach, and so much to see and do that when you depart, you are likely to be checking your calendar to see when you can come again.

One of the first areas most people mention, when talking about Hobart, is **Salamanca**. The sandstone warehouses now house evocative galleries, delightful boutiques, theatres, and restaurants serving gourmet foods and craft beers. Of course, every Saturday your senses will be titillated by the scents and sights as Salamanca swells to accommodate over 300 stalls which make the markets so colourful and famous. The working waterfront of **Constitution Dock** is the backdrop to this weekly spectacle.

The adjacent suburb to Salamanca is **Battery Point**, named after the historically important defensive canons installed there. Once a poor village, Battery Point is now home to Hobart's premium real estate and a very fashionable suburb, which retains its old-world charm.

Hampden Road, in Battery Point, is home to some of Hobart's best cafes, artisan bakeries, and gift shops. Fortunately for you, **API** owns a 2-bedroom apartment on the corner of Hampden Road and Colville Street. The location is ideal for exploring Hobart, its eateries and further afield.

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Another great location for API members is the 2-bedroom **'Cottage' in North Hobart, built in 1876**, as there is a selection of excellent restaurants at the end of the street and is still within reasonable walking distance of the city and the harbour.

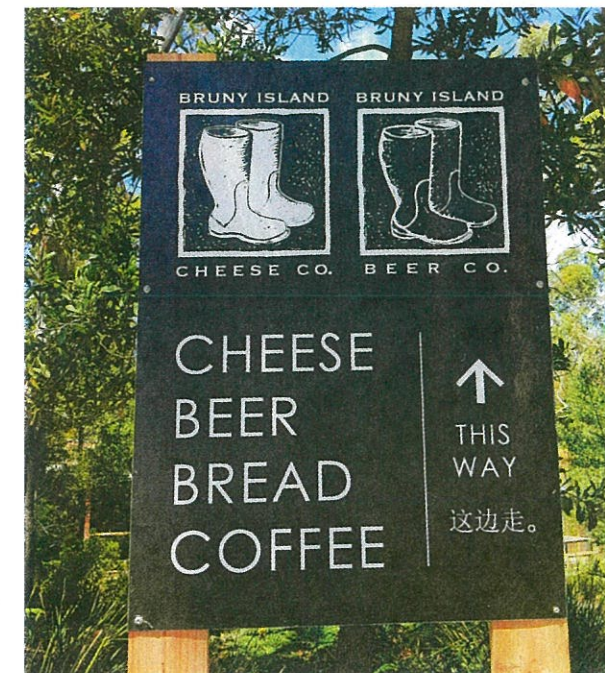
The third accommodation option, a 3-bedroom house, is popular with families. It is located a few minutes' drive from the city centre, in the suburb of **Lindisfarne**.

Most people visiting Hobart will make their way to the **Museum of Modern and Old Art (MONA)**. Controversial, as it does not follow the rules of old



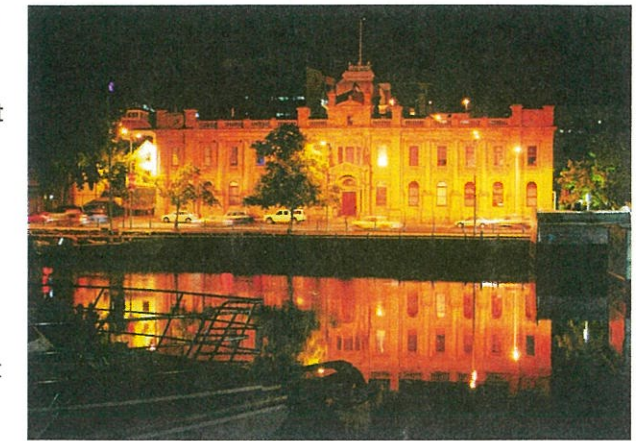
Hampden Road, Battery Point

international museums, it has added a big drawcard to the State. MONA is accessible by a 20-minute ordinary car drive or a 25-minute informative and interesting ferry ride. Even more fortunately is that it is only a short walk to the pier from which the ferry sets off, for those that chose to stay at API's Battery Point apartment. The standard return price is \$15. Instead, treat yourself to the 'Posh Pit' tickets at \$58 return. MONA's advertising tells you to 'Escape the riff-raff in the ferry's private lounge, bar and deck. It includes free drinks, tiny food and inflated egos.' How can you resist that? If you dine at MONA, you will get to experience more of the flare for witty and slightly naughty descriptions of their food and drink.



If you can tear yourself away from the city, a day trip to **Bruny Island** is the next best destination. The 20-minute car ferry will meet you at Kettering and take you to the island which has become synonymous with great artisan food and wine. It is home to Australia's southernmost winery - **Bruny Island Premium Wines**. Don't eat before you go, so you have more room for the goat and cow cheeses at **Bruny Island Cheese Co**, chocolates and fudge from **Bruny Island Providore's** and fresh oyster from **Get Shucked**. You may also sample single malts and berries. The island's honey is highly regarded by connoisseurs. One thing is certain, you will indulge yourself.

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“Bruny is Tasmania's premier island destination.”

Bruny is Tasmania's premier island destination, due to the breathtaking views. The open pastures of the north are joined to the rainforests in the south by the 'neck', a narrow sand isthmus - which is well worth visiting. Bruny is such an inspirational place to visit that even James Cook dropped in for a couple of days in 1770.

There are award winning tours available or you can drive yourself there. **Bruny Island Cruises** was named in the Top 100 Trips of the World, by New York's Travel & Leisure Magazine. Just allow yourself plenty of time, and don't forget to look out for the amazing wildlife. **API**

