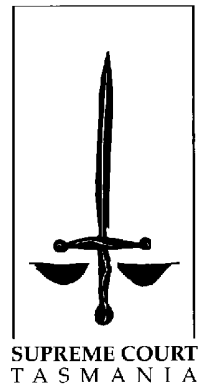


**SUPREME COURT OF TASMANIA  
CHIEF JUSTICE ALAN BLOW AO**

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On 10 May 2024 the Supreme Court of Tasmania will celebrate its bicentenary. The Supreme Court of Van Diemen's Land was created by the Third Charter of Justice in 1824 and the first sitting of the Court occurred in Hobart Town on 10 May 1824. The Court was first housed in a building on the corner of Murray and Macquarie Streets, now part of the Treasury Building.

To celebrate this historic event the Supreme Court will hold a ceremonial sitting in Hobart, Court 1 at 11am, followed by the launch of *From Convicts to Computers: Two Hundred Years of the Tasmanian Supreme Court* by the Hon Justice Stephen Estcourt AM.

A series of other events are open to the public:

- Tours at the State Library with archival documents relating to the Court on display.
- Walking tours of court buildings organised by the National Trust Tasmania.
- A tour of the court buildings in Salamanca Place led by their architect, Peter Partridge, and the Chief Justice.
- A podcast featuring the architect Peter Partridge in conversation with Jim Connolly, a former Registrar of the Court.
- Sentencing workshops in Hobart and Launceston in conjunction with Law Week Tasmania.

Further information and booking details are available at [SUPREME COURT BICENTENARY EVENTS – May 2024 - Supreme Court of Tasmania](#).