



## **DIANNE SNOWDEN**

Dr Dianne Snowden AM is an historian and genealogist. She first joined the Society of Australian Genealogists in 1984, and, in 1989, was the first Tasmanian to complete the Society's Diploma in Family Historical Studies. She has presented at several Australasian genealogical congresses and taught Adult Education classes in family history for more than twenty

years. In 2008, she introduced family history to the University of Tasmania, and in 2014, established the online Diploma in Family History. She is currently President of the peak-body Australasian Association of Genealogists and Record Agents.

Dianne was a pioneer in the use of family history techniques in academic research, successfully doing so as part of her PhD (2005). Dianne was a founder member of the Female Convicts Research Centre (Tas) and is currently President. She is also President of the Friends of the Orphan Schools (Tas), which she founded in 2007. She is the author and co-author of several publications, including *White Rag Burning: Irish Women Committing Arson to be Transported* (2018); *Voices from the Orphan Schools: The Children's Stories* (2018); *Van Diemen's Women: A History of Transportation to Tasmania* (with Joan Kavanagh, 2015; winner of Australian Historical Association (AHA) Kay Daniels Award 2018); and

*Patchwork Prisoners* (with Trudy Cowley, 2013; shortlisted for the AHA Kay Daniels Award, 2014). Her most recent publication is *Always There: Hobart City Mission 1852-2022* (2022).

In 2020, Dianne published her paternal grandmother's family history, *The Parker Family on Monaro*. She has a special interest in Monaro families and is a descendant of First Fleeter Thomas Akers.

In 2017, Dianne was admitted to the Tasmanian Honour Roll of Women for her contributions to history, heritage, and education, and was awarded Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to the community as an historian and genealogical researcher, to higher education, and to heritage groups.