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The Fitzpatrick Sisters circa 1891-1994

Three spinster sisters who ran Westbury's Fitzpatrick's Inn with originality and style for more than 50 years.

Politician



Sir Walter Lee KCMG 1874-1963

Wheelwright and local lay preacher who became three times Premier of Tasmania and a Knight of the Realm.

... that leads you on
to wider discovery
and delight

The Westbury Silhouette Trail is approximately 3.5 km long. It is recommended that walkers allow 60 minutes to complete.

For further information on the Silhouette Trail and its characters contact the Westbury and Districts Historical Society on phone 03 6393 1006 or at www.westburyhistorical.org

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Silhouettes


suggested walking trail

- 1 John Peyton Jones (Historical Society)
- 2 Ellen Nora Payne (Anglican Church)
- 3 Irish Exiles (Village Green)
- 4 Frank Mehegan (Village Green)
- 5 Father James Hogan (Catholic Church)
- 6 'Jack' Badcock (Recreation Ground)
- 7 The Fitzpatrick Sisters (Fitzpatrick's Inn)
- 8 Sir Walter Lee (Uniting Church)



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FRANCIS HENRY MEHEGAN 1885 - 1967
 Westbury, Tasmania
 known all his life as 'Frank'
 ...ther, Edward, established Mehegan's Store in Westbury in 1848. It went on to serve its

Eight exquisite artworks
depicting treasured
characters of the
Westbury community

Westbury was founded as a village garrison in 1828 by Governor George Arthur. Centred upon a beautiful Village Green it was laid out on a grand scale in anticipation of becoming the main gateway to Tasmania's north-west. Although this never eventuated, its elegant buildings and countless quiet lanes are testament to this early ambition.

Set amongst fertile plains and bordered by the magnificent Great Western Tiers, Westbury grew to become a thriving agricultural centre with a rich farming heritage. It flourished amid the glorious coaching era and the subsequent arrival of the Western Railway in 1871.

Today, Westbury is renowned for its English country character and Celtic charm. Its towering oaks, hawthorn hedges and graceful colonial architecture offer a timeless experience of rural splendour.

Westbury's story is deeply embedded in British colonialism and Irish culture, formed by the dedication of early Irish clergy and the toil of convict, soldier and free settler alike.

The characters celebrated in the Westbury Silhouette Trail are examples of the many inspirational lives that have built this community. Quirky, skilful, stylish, bold and compassionate - they reveal the strands of humanity that bind communities and from which all good things grow.

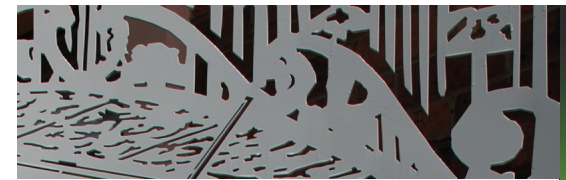
Magistrate



John Peyton Jones 1809-1891

Magistrate and first Mayor, who as a young soldier became legendary when he deployed a chain of vicious dogs across Eaglehawk Neck to deter convicts escaping from Port Arthur.

Shopkeeper

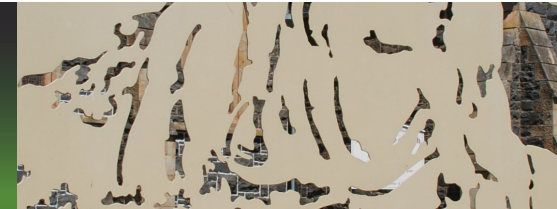


Frank Mehegan 1885-1967

Beloved shopkeeper, soldier and humanitarian.

Extraordinary, everyday lives
that thread the generations
and echo across continents ...

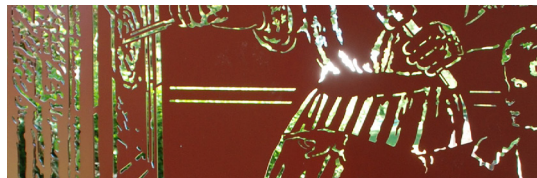
Priest



Father James Hogan 1825-1899

Westbury's first resident priest who served his community for 50 years and was revered by all denominations.

Artist

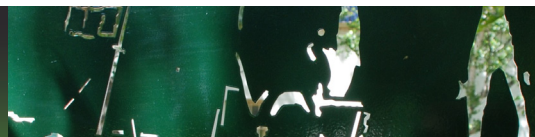


Ellen Nora Payne 1865-1962

Wood carver whose work can be found in prestigious institutions all over Australia and Britain. Some of her finest examples rest in St Andrew's Church, Westbury.

... each artwork is
a beginning;
a turning page ...

Exile



Irish Exiles circa 1815-1875

John Mitchel and Thomas Francis Meagher were revolutionaries, transported to Van Diemen's Land as political exiles. Aided by Westbury villagers they escaped and went on to become legendary figures of Irish history.

Sportsman



'Jack' Badcock 1914-1982

A prodigiously talented cricketer who toured England with Donald Bradman in the 1938 Ashes series.