



RUSI OF TASMANIA (Hobart Branch)

Wednesday 16 October 2024

Anglesea Barracks Officers MESS (Anglesea Barracks, Davey Street)

A presentation by Ross McMullin about his book *Life So Full of Promise*

Winner of The Age Book of the Year Award



<https://rossmcmullin.com.au>



Ross McMullin spoke to the RUSI of Tasmania about the remarkable General "Pompey" Elliott during a visit to Hobart in November 2023. He is returning to Hobart to speak to the RUSI about his latest book, *Life So Full of Promise*.

Ross is an award-winning historian and biographer, a renowned storyteller, and an entertaining speaker. His lost generation multi-biographies have been widely acclaimed. *Life So Full of Promise* won The Age Book of the Year Award in 2024 and was shortlisted for the Nib Literary Award. Its predecessor *Farewell Dear People* won multiple awards including the Prime Minister's Prize for Australian History.

In *Life So Full of Promise* Ross has again combined prodigious research and narrative flair in a collection of interwoven family stories about forgotten Australians who had radiant potential. The rich cast of characters includes a popular doctor, a brilliant cricketer, and an exceptionally talented barrister who was a potential prime minister, **with a fervent love story also in the mix**. With their families and friends also conspicuous in the narratives, *Life So Full of Promise* illuminates what the war was like at home and at the sharp end.

You'll be enlightened, entertained and moved as Ross brings these extraordinary yet unknown Australians back to life.

The Presentation will start at 7pm

Drinks from the bar and nibbles from 6.30pm

RSVP if you will attend: Monday 14 October 2024 to: paul.grey.2410@gmail.com