Peter Entwisle

Peter Entwisle was born in Dunedin, New Zealand and is a historian and author. His work explores the history of Otago, New Zealand, focusing on the lives of early settlers and the impact of European occupation on the region. One of his books, "Taka: A Vignette Life of William Tucker 1784-1817: Convict, Sealer, Trader in Human Heads, Otago Settler, New Zealand's First Art Dealer," delves into the life of William Tucker, a figure of great controversy and importance in Otago's early history. Tucker was a convict, sealer, and trader in human heads, and his story is intertwined with the history of migration and the exploitation of Indigenous cultures.

Tucker's life is also associated with Perseverance Harbour, known as South Harbour, which is a small town in East Otago, New Zealand, within the city limits of Dunedin. This place holds significant historical value, not only because of its geographical importance but also due to its connections with early European settlement and the history of migration to New Zealand, particularly from Tasmania.

In addition to his writing, Peter Entwisle is involved in various initiatives to preserve and promote the history of the area, collaborating with museums and other institutions to ensure that the stories of early settlers and their interactions with local cultures are not forgotten. His work plays a crucial role in the ongoing dialogue about the impact of European occupation and the importance of preserving the narratives of those who lived through it.