

2004 Development Seminar Dinner

“James Cook and the Transit of Venus”

The best reason to have watched the 8th June transit of Venus is history



“On August 12, 1768, His Majesty's Bark Endeavour slipped out of harbor, Lt. James Cook in command, bound for Tahiti. Their mission was to reach Tahiti before June 1769, establish themselves among the islanders, and construct an astronomical observatory. Cook and his crew would observe Venus gliding across the face of the Sun, and by doing so measure the size of the solar system.

On July 11, 1771, Cook returned to England after he had circumnavigated the globe, catalogued thousands of species of plants, insects and animals, encountered new races of people, and hunted for giant continents. It was an epic adventure.”

Our guest speaker is Paul Brunton, Senior Curator, Mitchell Library, State Library of New South Wales. He has worked with the Mitchell Library's Australiana collections since 1973. Paul will be talking to us about the significance of Cook's tour and the interesting history that it made.

Paul's talk will be informative and interesting for both surveyors and non-surveyors alike.

Please book the following person(s) in for the Development Seminar dinner @ \$60 (inc GST) each*

Name(s) of person(s) attending

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