

Aboriginal Studies Press Newsletter 2006 – issue 4

Aboriginal Studies Press publishes outstanding books that promote a greater understanding of Indigenous Australian culture. Here's information about two exciting new titles (archaeology and history), and advance notice of two stand-out titles (politics and jurisprudence). *Cleared Out* has been winning plaudits and two children's titles have been chosen as part of the 2006 Australian Readers' Challenge.

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Just Published

A Man of All Tribes: The life of Alick Jackomos **Richard Broome & Corinne Manning**

Biography / Aboriginal Studies

'To share the life of Alick Jackomos will be a privilege for those who read this story. Celebration of one's life gives immense pleasure and provides an opportunity to acknowledge how people such as Alick shape and change attitudes from the grass roots to the top. May the spirit of our ancestors be with you Alick Jackomos on your new journey.'

Professor Joy Wandin Murphy

Award-winning writer Richard Broome with co-writer Corinne Manning have lovingly created the life of Alick Jackomos, universally acknowledged as a person of rare humanity. He became Doug Nicholls' apprentice in Aboriginal welfare work and activism for Aboriginal rights. A non-Aboriginal man with an Aboriginal family, his life wasn't without controversy. As a patriotic Australian, he maintained close ties to many: the Aboriginal, Greek, RSL and showground communities. At the same time, Jackomos collected a remarkable photographic archive of Aboriginal Victorians and compiled over a thousand intricate genealogies.

'No account of race relations in Victoria could be reliable, or complete, without a focus on Alick Jackomos. Ethnically Greek, he devoted his life to Aboriginal advancement, bringing sense to what were often pretty senseless situations.'

Professor Colin Tatz

ISBN 0 85575 501 6 pb RRP\$39.95

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The Social Archaeology of Australian Indigenous Societies **Edited by David, Barker & McNiven**

Social Archaeology / Anthropology

'Insightful, interesting and at times provocative. This is a key text for understanding the development of Australian archaeology.'

Claire Smith
President, World Archaeological Congress

Original and provocative views on the complex and dynamic social lives of Indigenous Australians. Challenges traditional approaches which have presented Indigenous Australian pasts as static and tethered to ecological rationalism. Builds on the foundational work of Harry Lourandos.

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Major Title

FORTHCOMING MAY 2006

Rob Riley: An Aboriginal activist's quest for justice

Quentin Beresford

Biography / Australian Politics

'The life portrayed in these pages will above all else challenge our capacity to look into this blighted page of our history and to deal with and understand the nature of our national racist cancer.'

Patrick Dodson

'In this detailed and delicate biography, Quentin Beresford tells a story of triumph and of tragedy. I cannot think of a finer introduction to Aboriginal politics in the contemporary era. I urge all Australian citizens who care about reconciliation to read it.'

Professor Robert Manne

Widely regarded as one of the great Aboriginal leaders of the modern era, Rob Riley was at the centre of Australian debates on race relations: national land rights, the treaty, deaths in custody, self-determination, the justice system, native title and the Stolen Generations. His death in 1996 shocked community leaders and ordinary citizens alike. This work explores Rob's life as a 'moral protester' and the challenges he confronted in trying to change the destiny of the nation. Riley's belief that he had failed in this quest raises profound questions about the legacy of past racial policies, institutionalised racism in Australia and the reluctance of Australia's politicians to show leadership on race.

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FORTHCOMING MAY 2006

Compromised Jurisprudence: Native title cases since Mabo

Lisa Strelein

Native title / Legal theory / Property law

'Practitioners, scholars, teachers and students of the jurisprudence of native title would be well advised to add this volume to their collection.'

Dr David Ritter

Native title has dramatically altered social relations, the law and public policy in Australia. *Compromised Jurisprudence* traces the development of the courts' thinking since the inception of native title. Each chapter contains a discrete analysis of the most significant cases during this period while a timeline allows us to map the trajectory of the key doctrines. Written by a key commentator, this accessible and readable book's conclusion identifies the underlying themes and contradictions.

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ABORIGINAL STUDIES PRESS TITLES WIN ACCOLADES

Cleared Out

Sue Davenport, Peter Johnson & Yuwali

Australian history / Anthropology / Biography

Louis Nowra, *Review of the Week, SMH, January 2006*

This book has many things going for it – the superb maps and pictures, the clarity of narrative and the admirable restraint in apportioning blame or making moral judgements. If anyone

wants to know about how misunderstandings arose from the first moments of contact between white Australians and Aborigines throughout our shared history, then begin with this wonderful book.

Nicolas Rothwell, *The Weekend Australian*, November 2005

Hence, for the authors of *Cleared Out*, the need for an 'honourable dialogue' in which the dominant society discards its sense of social and cultural sovereignty. Their meticulously compiled and presented book is as much policy analysis as desert adventure tale; it builds to this urgent closing note, much like the rising façade of a cathedral.

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CHOSEN FOR 2006 AUSTRALIAN READERS' CHALLENGE

***Bittangabee Tribe: An Aboriginal story from Coastal New South Wales*
Beryl Cruse, Rebecca Kirby, Liddy Stewart & Steven Thomas**

Illustrated children's picture book

A delightful story, created by Aboriginal students from the south coast NSW, tells of the lives of the Bittangabee tribe. Beautifully illustrated with the help of local primary school children, the story follows Ninima and his family on their long summer journey into the mountains to collect Bogong moths, and then home again to the sea.

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CHOSEN FOR 2006 AUSTRALIAN READERS' CHALLENGE

***The Little Platypus and the Fire Spirit*
Mundara Koorang**

Illustrated children's picture book

'This book is a real treat! [T]he tale is what the author calls a contemporary Dreamtime story, told through a mix of traditional and contemporary mediums, that of storytelling and computer imaging...the story is a page-turner for all readers as the platypus is naively cute and the Fire Spirit subtly wise.'

Anita Heiss, 'Message Stick', January 2006

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Native Title Conference 2006

This year's Native Title Conference, co-convened by the AIATSIS Native Title Research Unit and the Northern Land Council, is being hosted by the Larrakia people in Darwin from 24-26 May 2006. The Public Program will commence with a welcome ceremony at 5.30pm on Wednesday 24 May at the Holiday Inn Esplanade, Darwin.

For further information and download a registration form visit <http://ntru.aiatsis.gov.au/events/conference2006.html>.

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