

Aboriginal Studies Press Newsletter 2006 – Issue 5

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WHAT'S NEW



Book Awards

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Cleared Out won the 2005 West Australian History Prize and the Premier's Book Award, announced in June. This follows wide media coverage (newspapers, journals, TV) and launches/panel sessions in Perth, Newman and Canberra. Now reprinting.



Information Kit for Indigenous Authors

Download from http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/aboriginal_studies_press or call 02 6246 1183 for your free copy.

ASP launched its new kit in NAIDOC week. It's aimed at people new to writing and publishing and we're already responding to requests for copies.

Based on ASP's publishing knowledge, this is both an introduction and stepping-off point for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people interested in being published.



Latest ASP catalogue, 2006–07

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A key resource for people teaching Indigenous studies. Includes 12 months' worth of new books and key backlist titles.



Aboriginal Australia small wall map selling strongly

Visit http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/aboriginal_studies_press/aboriginal_wall_map to order, or call 02 6261 4200 or 02 6246 1186.

ASP responded to customer requests and the initial sales of the smaller version of the Aboriginal Australia Wall Map have exceeded our expectations.

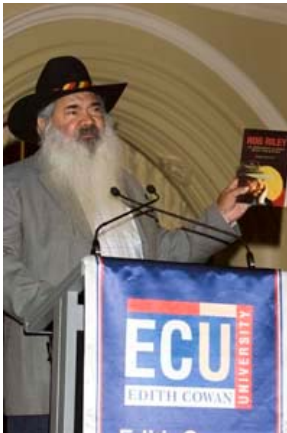
Priced at \$14.95 each student in the class can have their own map.

Just Published

Rob Riley inspires Indigenous scholarships

http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/aboriginal_studies_press/find_a_book/recent_releases/rob_riley

The much-anticipated launch of Rob Riley, Quentin Beresford's new biography was attended by hundreds of people. More than twelve people spoke, sharing their memories of one of Australia's most influential Aboriginal leaders. In launching the book, Pat Dodson compared the book to ones about Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King:



Rob is up there with people of that ilk because his life was so intertwined with the forces of racism, ignorance and the denial of Aboriginal rights in this country...Every politician should read this book...It's a great challenge to us as a nation of people to rise and say that the day has come that we will no longer allow the injustices against Indigenous people to continue.'

The publication of *Rob Riley* prompted the WA Premier to announce two scholarships for Indigenous youth, in memory of Rob Riley.

Pat Dodson celebrated Rob's life with fellow friends

Compromised Jurisprudence a boon to lawyers, practitioners and academics

http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/aboriginal_studies_press/find_a_book/recent_releases/compromised_jurisprudence

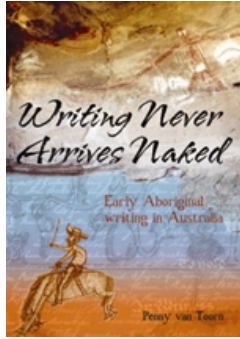


Federal Court Justice Tony North and NSW Supreme Court Justice John Basten were lavish in their praise of Strelein's accessible critique of native title law and its effects. Native title is a compulsory subject in property law, taught at all the major universities in the country.

At half the price of a textbook, and written with clarity and concision, *Compromised Jurisprudence* 'will be invaluable to those working in the area of native title' says Professor Garth Nettheim, who joined Dr David Ritter and Professor Larissa Behrendt in praising this new publication.

Justice Tony North spoke at the launch

Forthcoming



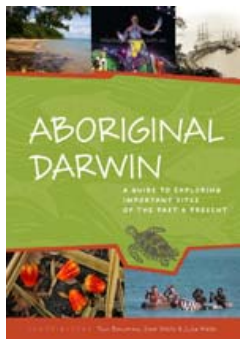
Writing Never Arrives Naked challenges conventional ideas about Aboriginal literacy

http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/aboriginal_studies_press/find_a_book/recent_releases/writing_never_arrives_naked

Sydney University academic Penny van Toorn believes that well-known writers like Kim Scott, Steve Kinnane, Sam Wagan Watson, Oodgeroo Noonuccal, Ruby Langford Ginibi and Anita Heiss aren't the first flowering of Aboriginal writing. Rather, she believes the distinctive features of Aboriginal writing we see today were shaped by the cultural, socio-political and institutional conditions in which Aboriginal people lived in colonial times.

As van Toorn says, 'from the first days of colonisation Aboriginal people used written texts to negotiate a changing world, to challenge their oppressors, protect their country and kind, and occasionally for economic gain'.

Upturning the notion that the colonists' paper culture superseded Indigenous oral cultures, van Toorn reveals that Indigenous communities developed their own cultures of reading and writing which involved a complex interplay between their own social protocols and the practices of literacy introduced by the British.



Aboriginal Darwin: A guide to exploring important sites of the past and present

Reveals the rich heritage and complex cultures of Darwin's Aboriginal people.

http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/aboriginal_studies_press/find_a_book/forthcoming_titles/aboriginal_darwin

There are as many ways of seeing Aboriginal Darwin as there are Aboriginal people. *Aboriginal Darwin* provides insights into the enormous economic, cultural, social and historical contributions of Aboriginal people to the city. *Aboriginal Darwin* peels back layers to show the rich heritage and complex cultures of Aboriginal people, both before

and since colonisation.

It includes contemporary and historical sites and is supplemented by information about sites not accessible to visitors.

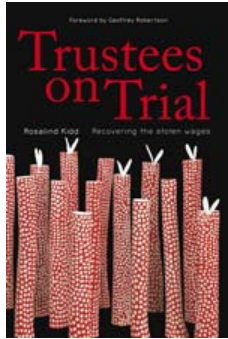


Events

14 September, Brisbane Writers' Festival launch, 1.15–1.45pm

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Don't miss the Hon. John von Doussa's launch of Ros Kidd's new books, *Trustees on Trial*. Also speaking, Alf Lacey, a member of the Stolen Wages Working Group, a past member of the Aboriginal Coordinating Council executive, and a past chairman of the Palm Island Council. (Event hosted by the Centre for Public Culture and Ideas, Griffith University and ASP.)



And where were the lawyers? In the 1960s, when trust money was disappearing, there was still no one prepared to take the government to court to force it to obey its own laws, or at least to ensure that the wages were returned to those who had earned them...A signal virtue of this book is its explanation of how Australian jurisprudence lags behind that of Canada and the US...plainly, governments have moral obligations to protect vulnerable citizens and legal obligations to compensate them for loss caused by mismanagement or malfeasance.

Geoffrey Robertson, QC

More than a decade's research by Ros Kidd is brought together in this startling and compelling new book. Kidd examines the extraordinary dimensions of government controls over Aboriginal wages, savings, endowment and pensions in twentieth century Queensland. She unpicks official dealings on the huge trust funds compiled from private income and community endeavours and reveals how governments used these finances to their advantage while families and communities struggled in poverty. She argues governments were legally bound not to abuse their sweeping powers over Aboriginal lives and livelihoods and that the courts and the people should determine what constitutes just reparations. Kidd puts every state government on notice.