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RECENT EVENT



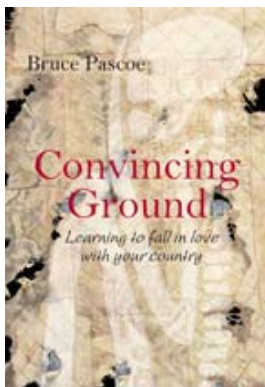
Left to right, Administrator, Ted Egan AO; Professor Mick Dodson AM; Toni Bauman; NT Chief Minister Clare Martin and Steve Larkin, AIATSIS Principal

Aboriginal Darwin was launched in Darwin by Chief Minister Clare Martin and Professor Mick Dodson and provoked keen media interest. The Larrakia people were represented by Richard Fejo, who spoke, while the Kenbi Dancers performed.

Instead of lifting the lid on secret places, this book reveals the hidden history of familiar landmarks... '*Aboriginal Darwin* is both a guidebook and an alternative social history,' writes Toni Bauman, a social anthropologist. Bauman has produced an insightful and sensitive guide to Aboriginal culture, with a section on responsible travel including rules on visiting communities.

Sun Herald, March 2007

Toni Bauman has been invited to address NT teachers about the teaching of history in the NT.



Convincing Ground author, Bruce Pascoe, was the keynote speaker at the Past Matters festival in Eltham in April.

The Past Matters festival worked really well. Bruce read from his book and was very well received.

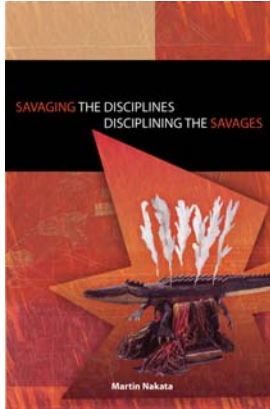
Philip Morrissey

SHORTLISTING

Quentin Beresford's Rob Riley has been short-listed for the prestigious Douglas Stewart non-fiction category of the NSW Premier's Literary Awards, with the finalist to be announced in May. Also shortlisted for the WA Premier's Literary Prize, non-fiction, announced 8 June.

JUST PUBLISHED

Disciplining the Savages: Savaging the Disciplines **Martin Nakata**



Disciplining the Savages: Savaging the Disciplines

Martin Nakata's groundbreaking new work has just been published.

Professor Nakata will appear at the Sydney Writers Festival on 2 June. The book will be launched in Sydney and interstate.

Overseas and Australian academics are full of praise:

Martin Nakata's book, Disciplining the Savages: Savaging the Disciplines represents the most focussed and sustained Indigenous critique of anthropological knowledge yet published. It is impressive, rigorous, and sometimes poignant...

Professor Nicholas Thomas, University of Cambridge

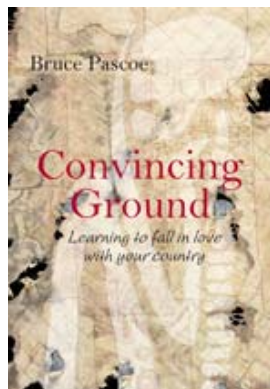
Nakata here reveals himself as an Indigenous philosopher of the first rank.

Associate Professor Regina Ganter, Griffith University

His argument that there needs to be an alternative way and space (a 'cultural interface') to look at the relationship between black and white perspectives that understand the complexity of cross-cultural exchanges is a ground-breaking and persuasive polemic.

Professor Larissa Behrendt, University of Technology, Sydney

Convincing Ground: Learning to fall in love with your country **Bruce Pascoe**



Convincing Ground: Learning to fall in love with your country

Bruce Pascoe's passionate new book pulses with love of country. Published in late April, speaking events are planned in several states.

In prose of lyrical clarity and uncompromising honesty, Bruce Pascoe invites readers to be awakened, enthralled by fresh and breath-taking truths about the story of Australia.

Carmel Bird

This is a beautiful book built upon ugly truths which we must all confront. Maturity and independence of the Australian people will never be attained until we are honest about the past and about ourselves...Passionate it is because the truth fuels passion; lies never attain that status.

Peter Gebhardt

Pascoe has created a new Convincing Ground; one bound within the desire for justice, respect, and ultimately, an honest and unflinching embrace of this country and its incredibly complex histories.

Steve Kinnane

ASP EMBRACES E-PUBLISHING

To date sixty ASP backlist titles have been licensed to third-party e-publishers and aggregators: some books are still in print; others have gone out of print. ASP's aim is to make its books available to the widest possible audience, including books that would otherwise go out of print, and to produce an income stream for authors. The full range of books are included, from community histories to biographies and academic monographs.

The screenshot shows the eBooks.com website interface. The main content area displays the book details for "Aboriginal Suicide is Different" by Tatz, Colin, published by Aboriginal Studies Press. The price is listed as \$31.00, and it is available for purchase in Adobe Reader format. The page includes a "Book Details" section with a preview of the book cover and a description. The description states: "Aboriginal Suicide is Different is a study of youth who have, or feel they have, no purpose in life — or who may be seeking freedom in death. It is a portrait of life, and of self-destruction, by young Australian Aboriginal men and women. To comprehend this relatively recent phenomenon which occurs more outside than inside custody, one has to appreciate Australian Aboriginal history — the effects of which contribute more to an understanding of suicide today than to psychological or medical theories about the victims. Australian Aboriginal youth at risk are suffering more from social than from mental disorder. Every Australia's birthright includes the expectation of a healthy and possibly happy life of some longevity, assisted by all the services which a civilized society can make possible. But this is not yet within the Australian Aboriginal (or Maori, Pacific Islander, Canadian and American Indian) grasp. That so many young Australian Aboriginal people prefer death to life implies a rejection of what we, in the broader Australian society, have on offer. It reflects our failure, as a nation, to provide sufficient incentives for young Aborigines to remain alive." The page also features a sidebar with "Social Science Best Sellers" and "Special Offers".

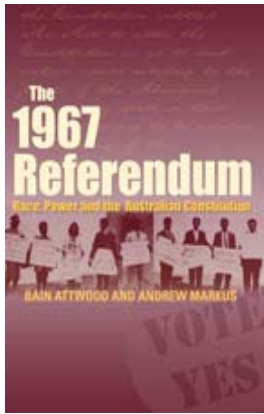
The screenshot shows the Informit website interface. The main content area displays a table of new titles available on Informit e-Library. The table is titled "Monographs" and lists three titles with their respective ISBNs and publishers.

Resource Full Name	ISSN/ISBN	Publisher
Aboriginal Suicide is Different: A Portrait of Life and Self-Destruction	0855754902	Aboriginal Studies Press
Mutton Fish: The Surviving Culture of Aboriginal People and Abalone on the South Coast of New South Wales	0855754826	Aboriginal Studies Press
Settlement: A History of Australian Indigenous Housing	0855753633	Aboriginal Studies Press

The page also includes a sidebar with navigation links and a footer with contact information and copyright details.

Visit [AIATSIS](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au) to see the list of titles available in this format.

COMING SOON



The 1967 Referendum: Race, power and the Australian Constitution

Bain Attwood & Andrew Markus new edition of this widely read book – will be available in May, with teachers' notes. There's already been strong media interest and the book is a one of the sources for the National Museum of Australia website:

<http://www.nma.gov.au/indigenoustrights/sectionf19f.html?aID=20>. Attwood

has also written a piece to appear on the Reconciliation Australia website and other print publications: <http://www.reconciliation.org.au/i-cms.isp>.

The 1967 Referendum explores the referendum's legal and political significance, and the long struggle for change. It reveals how and why the referendum acquired significance and has since become the subject of highly charged myths.

Accessibly written, the book includes the reflections of a range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, historical documents and photographs.

The first 50 orders received by ASP for the 1967 Referendum book will be able to purchase Faith Bandler's reflection on the campaign, *Turning the Tide* for \$5.00 incl. GST.

LATER IN 2007

For Liberty and Freedom: Fred Maynard and the Australian Aboriginal Progressive

John Maynard

John Maynard's insightful biography of his grandfather, Fred Maynard, reveals the Australian Aboriginal People's Association's activities a decade before the well known Day of Mourning which began in 1938. Maynard reveals the links the AAPA had with international black activists, including the redoubtable Marcus Garvey. The AAPA's demands resonate today: Aboriginal rights to land, preventing Aboriginal children being taken from their families, and defending a distinct Aboriginal cultural identity.

Life B'long Ali Drummond

A life in the Torres Strait

Samantha Faulkner

By any standards Ali Drummond has led an extraordinary life. Orphaned young, Ali took went to sea aged fourteen. Originally an apprentice, Ali learned from Japanese divers and became an expert diver for pearl shell, trochus and bêche de mer. Laced with anecdotes and black and white photos, Samantha Faulkner has wrought a personal and evocative account of her grandfather's life.

A Cautious Silence

The politics of anthropology in Australia

Geoffrey Gray

In his challenging new work, Gray aims to help us understand the present organisational structures, and assist in the formulation of anthropology's future role in Australia. As well, to provide a wider political and social context for Australian social anthropology, and to consider the importance of anthropology of a past definer of Indigenous people.

White Christ, Black Cross

The emergence of a black church

Noel Loos

In his latest new book, Loos frames the churches' missionary outreach to Aboriginal people within the over-arching reality of dispossession with its associated frontier violence, government control and segregation and neglect. Loos documents how Aboriginal people on the missions responded to white Christianity as part of their enforced cultural change and within the missions' changing circumstances. As missionary control diminished, they responded more overtly and autonomously: some regarding Christianity as irrelevant, others adopting it in culturally satisfying ways.

Ten Hours in a Lifetime

Nancy de Vries' Journey Home

Nancy de Vries, Gaynor Macdonald, Jane Mears & Anna Nettheim

Nancy de Vries succeeded against all odds. Defying the authorities' expectations, she furthered her education and took a pivotal role in nurse education, the Brewarrina Aboriginal Medical Service and in drug and alcohol rehabilitation nursing. In 1997 she was invited to speak to the NSW Parliament on behalf of the stolen generations. Despite the busyness of her public life, she spent much of her life searching for her mother. De Vries' collaboration with non-Indigenous co-authors establishes the contexts to her life and invites the readers, as have the authors, to bear witness.