

Guides' Meeting – 18 September 2018

Cook's Endeavour Journal: The Inside Story

Published by the National Library of Australia, 2008

This book brings to life one of the world's most famous expeditions, the circumnavigation of the globe by Lieutenant James Cook aboard the Endeavour.

The voyage of the Endeavour helped to make sense of the 18th century world.

The book is told in Cook's own words and in historical detail, it gives an insight into the three-year voyage, exploration and hardship.

'Cook and the Pacific' exhibition will be on from 22 September 2018 to 10 February 2019 at the National Library of Australia'

The Dryandra

Tony Cavanagh and Margaret Pieroni

Published by Australian Plant Society Vic and Wildflower Society of WA, 2006

This comprehensive book is based on 20 years of field work. In 2006 when the book was published there were 94 species and all endemic to south-west Western Australia.

The book covers the history, naming, cultivation, biology (habit, leaves, flower, colour, pollination, distribution, conservation and many other aspects). It is accompanied by a very detailed species list and over 300 coloured photographs.

This is a great read and especially with the development of the Banksia Garden at the ANBG and the controversy about the taxonomy of Banksias and Dryandras.

Botanical Riches – Stories of Botanical Exploration

Richard Aitken

State Library of Victoria

Published by The Miegunyah Press, 2006

This book commenced 'as a modest showcase of perhaps twenty-five or thirty great botanical books held by the State Library of Victoria' – however it grew to tell the story of 'botanical exploration' worldwide.

It covers plants from the time of the hunter-gatherer to discoveries in the 20th century; plants from different civilisations – from the ancient world to the new world. It also traces both maritime and botanical explorations. It is accompanied by beautiful illustrations through digital imaging.

It really is a book of 'Botanical Riches'.

The Book of Leaves: A Leaf-by-Leaf Guide to Six Hundred of the World's Great Trees

Allen J Coombes

The University of Chicago Press, 2010

If you are into 'leaves' – this is the book for you! It covers: what is a leaf, functions, shape, anatomy, identification of leaves, plant names and much more. It is a very comprehensive book. The leaves covered are from the temperate zone. Each leaf represented in the book, through photography, is produced at its actual size and is accompanied by details of the range, distribution, abundance and habitat of the tree on which it is found. Brief scientific and historical accounts are also given.