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Travel

Participants are asked to make their own arrangements for air travel and accommodation. We encourage participants to fly Ansett Australia, the official airline for the symposium, who are allowing special conference airfares, discounted airfares and holiday packages.

These include discounts up to 50% off the full economy airfare, fully refundable and with flexibility to change flights subject to seat availability. Ansett is linked with the WA regional airline Skywest who fly between Perth and Albany. Those booking with Ansett should phone 1300 13 13 00 and quote the 'Investigator 200 – Bicentenary Of Flinders' Journey To Australia' masterfile number MC08319.

Although it will not be school holidays, Albany can be busy at any time, so early bookings for accommodation are advisable. International visitors are reminded that a valid passport and visa are required for entry into Australia.

Collecting licences

A licence is required for collecting flora and fauna in Western Australia, and a separate one for collecting in conservation reserves. There are further restrictions on taking Declared Rare Flora. It is the responsibility of anyone wishing to collect to obtain a licence. Those intending to collect are reminded that, under State legislation, a duplicate of each collection must be lodged with the appropriate institution (Western Australian Herbarium, Western Australian Museum), and that the holotype of any new taxon must also be lodged there. Please apply for a licence at least four weeks before your visit, as a late application may not be processed in time. Please apply to:

Department of Conservation and Land Management
Locked Bag 104, Bentley Delivery Centre, WA 6983

Albany Regional Herbarium

The herbarium holds c. 16,000 specimens, mainly of local flora and is available for consultation by appointment. Please phone [08] 9842 4500 or write to:

Department of Conservation and Land Management
120 Albany Hwy, Albany, Western Australia 6330

Weather

December is early summer in south-western Australia. In Albany, daytime maxima are usually around 20-30°C, warmer farther north and inland. Little rain may be expected, though on the coast it can be showery and windy off the Southern Ocean at any season.

Banking

The major Australian banks have branches or agencies with automatic teller machines in Albany. Hours are 0930 to 1600 Monday to Thursday, 0930 to 1700 Friday, closed at weekends.

Further information

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ANSETT AUSTRALIA

INVESTIGATOR 200 SYMPOSIUM

*Bicentenary of the voyage
of Matthew Flinders to
New Holland 1801 – 03*

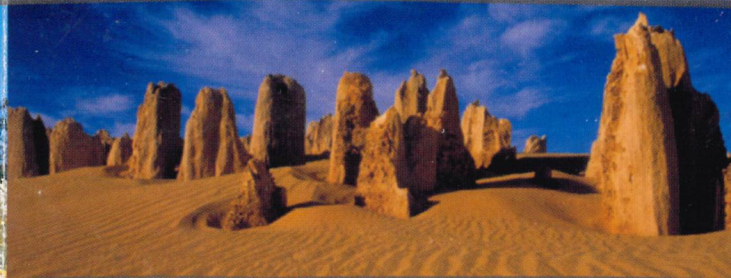
Albany, Western Australia
9 – 11 December 2001



Botanist Robert Brown

Organisers

Australian Systematic Botany Society
Western Australian Herbarium, CALM
Wildflower Society of Western Australia



First and only circular

Purpose

The symposium will celebrate two hundred years since the arrival HMS *Investigator* in Australia at the start of Matthew Flinders' survey of the coast.

There will be a focus on the stays in south-western Australia: from 9 December 1801 to 5 January 1802 at King George Sound, and from 9 to 14 January 1802 at Lucky Bay, east of where Esperance now stands. These were the first two Australian landfalls of the voyage.

Besides Flinders' charting work, they are outstanding for the botanical work of Robert Brown, Ferdinand Bauer and Peter Good, and the landscape art of William Westall.

The symposium will commemorate their visit through a series of invited papers over two days, preceded by a day of excursions to sites visited by members of the expedition.

Location

Albany is the site of the first European settlement in Western Australia, in 1826, albeit a military one that was disbanded just after permanent settlement at the Swan River in 1829.

For four years a handful of people remained, but settlement resumed in 1833 and expanded slowly but steadily. Because of the fine natural anchorage in the Sound there was some pressure later to make it the capital of the colony, but Perth retained that role.

The symposium will be held at The Esplanade Hotel, Middleton Beach, Albany – situated by the beach and at the north-eastern base of Mt Clarence. Participants may stay there or elsewhere in the town. There is other accommodation within easy walking distance of the Esplanade (see below).

Excursions and Tours

The excursion on 9 December will be to Mt Clarence, Torndirrup National Park, Vancouver Peninsula, the King River and Lake Powell. This will take in areas where Brown, usually with Bauer and Good, explored and collected plants. The cost will be \$39.60.

There will be a coach tour between Perth and Albany before and after the symposium. One, via the south-western corner with an overnight stay in Margaret River, will include the Karri forest and coastal sites. The other will be via the Stirling Range and nature reserves of the Great Southern region with an overnight stay in Katanning. The cost of each tour is \$308 per person, including one night's accommodation, breakfast and dinner. Places will be limited, so please book early.

The Albany Maritime Foundation will be offering tours on the Sound in a replica wooden 19th Century Couta boat.

Program

The symposium will include the following papers:

- **Matthew Flinders**
Miriam Estensen, Paradise Point, Queensland
- **Robert Brown**
David Moore, Aldershot, England
- **Ferdinand Bauer**
David Maberley, Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, NSW
- **Ferdinand Bauer's artistic technique**
Celia Rosser, Melbourne, Victoria
- **William Westall**
Alex George, Kardinya; and Kay Stehn, Albany, WA
- **Peter Good**
Mark Webb, Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority, Perth, WA
- **The modification of sailing ships for scientific voyages**
Nigel Rigby, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, England
- **Flinders' place in the coastal exploration of Australia**
Mike McCarthy, Western Australian Maritime Museum, WA
- **The *Investigator* at the Cape of Good Hope**
John Rourke, National Botanic Gardens, Cape Town, S. Africa
- **Botanical exploits at King George Sound, Lucky Bay and Middle Island**
Neville Marchant, Western Australian Herbarium, Perth, WA
- **The plants**
Greg Keighery, Wildlife Research Centre, Woodvale, WA
- **The collections**
Eric Groves, formerly Natural History Museum, London
- **The documents (diaries etc.)**
David Moore, Aldershot, England
- **The local (Albany) perspective**
Valerie Milne, Albany, WA
- **Robert Brown's later career**
David Maberley, Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, NSW

We anticipate that the book *Nature's Investigator: the diary of Robert Brown in Australia 1801–05*, edited by David Maberley and published by the Australian Biological Resources Study, will be launched during the first day of papers.

On the evening of 9 December there will be a civic reception hosted by the City of Albany. The symposium dinner will be held at the Princess Royal Sailing Club on the evening of 10 December.

Accommodation

Prices given below are current at December 2000 and may increase slightly by December 2001. All prices include GST.

Esplanade Hotel, corner Adelaide Crescent and Flinders Parade, Middleton Beach, WA 6330 (tel. [08] 9842 1711). Five-star hotel with rooms (rates: \$130–\$188, room only) and apartments for 4 to 6 persons (rates: \$130 plus \$18.50 for each person when more than 2).

The following are within walking distance of the Esplanade Hotel.

Albany Holiday Units, 17 Golf Links Rd, Middleton Beach, WA 6330 (tel. [08] 9841 7817; AlbanyHolUnits@bigpond.com; www.albanyholidayunits.com.au). Units accommodating 2–6 persons. Rates: \$75 double, plus \$10 each extra person per unit.

Balnéaire Seaside Resort, 27 Adelaide Crescent, Middleton Beach, WA 6330 (tel. [08] 9842 2877; toll free 1800 625 877; martin@balneaire.com.au). Self-contained units for up to 6 persons. Rates: \$143 double, plus \$16.50 each additional person.

The Castlereagh, 9 Flinders Parade, Middleton Beach, WA 6330 (tel. [08] 9842 0500; toll free 1800 625 877; www.thecastlereagh.com.au; reservations@thecastlereagh.com.au). Villas sleeping 2–4 persons. Rates \$165–\$242 double; extra persons \$30 each.

The Discovery Inn, 9 Middleton Beach, WA 6330 (tel. [08] 9842 5535). Comfortable guesthouse. Rates: single \$41; twin \$65; double \$65 (includes breakfast).

Dolphin Lodge, 1 Golf Links Rd, Middleton Beach, WA 6330 (tel. [08] 9841 6600; dolphin@omninet.net.au). Self-catering units accommodating 2–5 persons. Rates: \$77 double (\$132 with spa).

Middleton Beach Holiday Park, Flinders Parade, Middleton Beach, WA 6330 (tel. [08] 9841 3593). Chalets, units and cabins sleeping up to 6 persons. Rates \$58–\$94 double; additional persons \$10 or \$11 each.

Pelicans Holiday Village, 3 Golf Links Rd, Middleton Beach, WA 6330 (tel. [08] 9841 7500). Units accommodating 2–6 persons. Rates \$75–\$95 double; additional persons \$10 each; 3-bedroom units \$150.

There are many motels and hotels in the town centre about 3km from the Esplanade Hotel. Try albany.au.iitowns.com for more information.

Registration

There will be a single registration fee of \$88.00 including GST. This covers attendance at the symposium, including morning and afternoon teas and lunch (the evening reception is free). A receipt will be provided. The fee does not include insurance of any kind. We do not have a credit card facility. There are separate fees for the excursion, tours and dinner.

Cancellations will be accepted up to 20 November 2001 and must be by mail, fax or email to Alex George (details below); a refund of \$70 will be made. No cancellations will be accepted after that date.



Investigator 200 Symposium Program

Sunday 9 December 2001

08.00 Meet at The Esplanade Hotel, Middleton Beach, Albany, for excursion: The Trail of Robert Brown. Excursion departs 08.30, returns to the Esplanade Hotel 4.30 to 5.00

7.00 p.m. Civic reception by the City of Albany at Carlyles, Forts Road, Mt Adelaide.

Monday 10 December 2001

08.00 Registration

FIRST SESSION

08.45 Welcome and official opening. Launch of the book *Nature's Investigator: Diary of Robert Brown in Australia 1801-05*

09.30 Miriam Estensen, Paradise Point, Queensland: *Matthew Flinders: the man and his life*

10.30 Morning tea

SECOND SESSION

11.00 Nigel Rigby, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, England: *Modification of sailing ships for scientific exploration*

11.45 Mike McCarthy, Western Australian Maritime Museum, Fremantle: *The place of Matthew Flinders in the coastal exploration of New Holland*

12.30 Lunch

THIRD SESSION

2.00 David Moore, Aldershot, England: *Robert Brown: the voyage, the protracted wait for a new Investigator and the collecting localities, 1801-1805*

2.45 John Rourke, National Botanic Gardens, Kirstenbosch, South Africa: *The Investigator at the Cape of Good Hope*

3.30 Afternoon tea

FOURTH SESSION

4.00 David Mabberley, Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney: *Ferdinand Bauer*

5.00 Ellen Hickman, Albany: *Ferdinand Bauer's artistic technique*

5.30 Close

7.00 Dinner at the Princess Royal Sailing Club

Tuesday 11 December 2001

08.00 Registration

FIRST SESSION

08.30 Angus Hopkins and Neville Marchant, Department of Conservation and Land Management, Western Australia: *The botanical sojourns at King George Sound and Lucky Bay*

09.10 Greg Keighery, Wildlife Research Centre, Woodvale: *The plants they saw*

09.50 John Dell, Department of Environmental Protection (formerly WA Museum), Perth: *The fauna of the voyage: its scientific and culinary value*

10.30 Morning tea

SECOND SESSION

11.00 Eric Groves, Coulsdon, England: *What happened to the plant collections of the Investigator voyage?*

11.45 David Moore, Aldershot, England: *The Investigator voyage, 1801–1805: documents and manuscript sources in the British Library and the Natural History Museum, London*

12.30 Launch of the Robert Brown database

13.00 Lunch

THIRD SESSION

2.00 Alex George, Perth, and Kay Stehn, Albany: *Artist in a new land: William Westall in New Holland*

2.45 Mark Webb, Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority, Kings Park: *Peter Good, gardener*

3.30 Afternoon tea

FOURTH SESSION

4.00 David Mabberley, Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney: *Robert Brown's later career*

4.45 Valerie Milne, Albany Residency Museum: *The Albany perspective*

5.30 Close

Wednesday 12 December 2001

Complementary function

At 2.15 p.m. a monument to early maritime explorers will be unveiled on the eastern shore of the entrance to Oyster Harbour, in the Mount Martin Reserve. The ceremony will take about an hour. There is no road access to the site, but a ferry will be available to take people across. Further details will be given at the Symposium.

All are welcome.