

AUSTRALIA'S BIG SCIENCE PICNIC 1914: SOME NEW EVIDENCE



In 1914 the Australian Government sponsored the British Association for the Advancement of Science (BAAS) to travel to Australia for their annual conference. Over 150 scientists travelled on three ships specially commanded for this purpose. Across five major cities public talks, demonstrations and excursions familiarised the visiting scientists with Australian natural and hard sciences, geology, botany as well as anthropology. In terms of anthropology the congress presented a unique opportunity to showcase Aboriginal culture.

This lecture draws on recently uncovered archival materials from Oxford's Bodleian Library and considers the personalities, logistics, events and outcomes of this massive undertaking.



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ANNUAL LECTURE
History Council of Victoria

WHEN:
6 – 7.30 pm
Thursday 22 October 2015

WHO:
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University

WHERE:
Old Treasury Building
20 Spring Street, Melbourne

TICKETS:
\$15 includes light
refreshments

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