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EGYPT

Living with the Past

Manly Art Gallery & Museum

December 16, 1993 - January 30, 1994

The Manly Art Gallery and Museum will be holding a spectacular exhibition over the Christmas holiday period. Titled *Egypt - Living with the Past*, the exhibition includes rare antiquities from the Macquarie University Collection and contemporary photographs by Reece Scannell.

In 1979, Macquarie University, under the guidance of Professor Naguib Kanawati, commenced excavations at the necropolis of the Old Kingdom provincial capital of Akhmim. Located 450 kilometres south of Cairo, Akhmim was a major regional administrative centre that managed the economy of the Upper Nile.

Rising above the township is the mountain of El-Hawawish. Hewn into the rock are 884 tombs or 'houses of eternity', including those of provincial governors and viziers. The most valuable finds at El-Hawawish include beautiful murals that tell an impressive story of life in the Old Kingdom.

Centrepiece of the exhibition are two outstanding exhibits; a beautifully modelled funerary boat and a mummy in a coffin. Outstanding photographs by Reece Scannell show Egypt today, living with its past. Modern Egypt lives with its ancient past on every corner, and Reece's beautiful photographs of life perfectly balance the funerary art of ancient Egypt.

COURSES FOR 1994

First Semester:

Two, 6 week courses, *Scripts of the Ancient World*, will be conducted by Mrs Tina Ashburner and Miss Rosalie Cook. The first course will be held each MONDAY from 9.45 am to 12 noon commencing 21 FEBRUARY and the second course will be a repeat each TUESDAY from 7-9 pm commencing 19 APRIL.

Cost: \$100 per course.

A 10 weeks course, *Introduction to Egyptian Colloquial Arabic*, will be conducted by Professor Kanawati and Mrs Sislian each THURSDAY from 7-9 pm commencing 10 MARCH.

Cost: \$80 (members \$75).

An 8 weeks course, *The Kings of the Late Assyrian Empire*, will be conducted by Mrs Jo Hall each FRIDAY from 7-9 pm commencing 11 MARCH.

Cost: \$70 (members \$65).

An 8 weeks course, *Aspects of Ancient Egypt*, will be conducted by Mrs Juliette Bentley each MONDAY from 7-9 pm commencing 11 APRIL.

Cost: \$70 (members \$65).

An 8 weeks course, *Ancient Documents Illustrating the New Testament*, will be conducted by Professor Edwin Judge each MONDAY from 10 am-12 noon commencing 2 MAY.

Cost: \$100 (members of Society for Early Christianity, \$80).
(pensioners and full-time students, \$40).

On SATURDAY, 26 MARCH, from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm, four lectures will be given in a light-hearted look at the Ancient Worlds of Egypt, Greece and Rome.

Cost: \$40 (includes lunch, morning tea and afternoon tea).

Enquiries: Mrs Tina Ashburner - (02) 805 8827.

Second Semester:

The following courses are planned:

From Womb to Tomb - Mrs Gael Callaghan
Ancient Egyptian Religion - Dr Boyo Ockinga
 Dr Alan Walmsley will also conduct a course during this semester.

Dates and venues will be announced in the April Newsletter.

A.C.E. TOUR OF CRETE, RHODES AND SOUTHERN TURKEY

The tour, which was led by Miss Joan Beck in October, proved both interesting and informative. Many sites were visited including the Underwater Archaeological Museum at Bodrum (Halikarnassus) where members were given a fascinating talk on the methods of conserving the artefacts from the many wrecks excavated around the coast of Turkey. A special viewing was also given of the latest archaeological find, that of the tomb of Princess Ada, a daughter or grand-daughter of Mausolus who ruled Caria from about 376-353 B.C., and whose tomb became one of the wonders of the ancient world. The exhibit is most spectacular, with a life-size model of the Princess and all the artefacts from the tomb including a beautiful crown of golden flowers. A visit was also made to the site of Catal Huyuk, a Neolithic town dating from about 7000 B.C., as well as the underground city of Kaymakli in Cappadocia, and many other interesting sites.

It is hoped that a tour of Egypt can be organised for January 1995, and a tour of Syria and Jordan later in 1995. We will keep you informed.

PUBLICATIONS

The following publications are now available. The cost is \$35 per volume (members \$30) plus \$5 postage. Overseas postage is \$9 surface mail per volume.

Akhmim in the Old Kingdom, Pt. I, Kanawati & McFarlane, Sydney, 1993
The Tombs of El-Hagarsa, Vols. I & II, Kanawati, Sydney, 1993
Deshasha: The Tombs of Inti, Shedu and Others, Kanawati & McFarlane, Sydney, 1993.

Copies of the A.C.E. *Bulletin* Vols. 1, 2, 3 and 4 are also available at \$10 each (members \$8), postage \$3 per volume.

DISCUSSION GROUP

The FRIDAY NIGHT Discussion Group will resume on 18 FEBRUARY, 1994 in W6A 420 from 7-9 pm. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership subscriptions for 1994 are now due and a 'Renewal' form is enclosed. Extra forms are available for any interested person. Members who are likely to change their addresses are kindly urged to notify us.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank members for their support and look forward to your continuing interest and participation in our activities.

NEWS FROM OUR TEAMS IN EGYPT

Members of our archaeological teams working in Egypt report that the situation in Egypt is calm and that they are receiving the usual assistance and cooperation from the Department of Antiquities and friendly treatment by the Egyptian public. They also report a huge drop in the number of tourists. This offers the visitor a better opportunity of a more detailed study of the monuments, yet it is very sad for the economy of the country.

1993 AND 1994 CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL DINNER

As members are aware, the Annual Conference of Egyptology was included in the Conference, Ancient History in a Modern University, which celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the introduction of Ancient History at Macquarie University, and the retirement of Professor Edwin Judge from the Chair of Ancient History. The usual Conference and Annual Dinner of the Foundation will be held in 1994 and details will be given in the April Newsletter.

ALL ENQUIRIES: MISS JOAN BECK - (02) 805 8848