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OPENING OF THE MUSEUM OF ANCIENT CULTURES MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

The original Ancient History Teaching Collection has expanded and now moved to the new building, X5B at Macquarie University where it is given the status of a Museum.

The official opening by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Di Yerbury, took place on Wednesday 7 June. A special exhibition of the work of the Australian Centre for Egyptology is temporarily mounted in the gallery of the Museum showing the various sites excavated by the Centre and the techniques used. Members wishing to visit the Museum and exhibition can do so in the next few weeks by arrangement with Mr Karl Van Dyke, phone 850 9263.

**PROGRAM FOR VISIT OF PROFESSOR GEOFFREY MARTIN
N.S.W. and INTERSTATE**

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Contact: Dr Moya Smith
(27 Aug. - 5 Sept.) Western Australian Museum
Phone (09) 32 8441

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Contact: Mr Michael O'Donoghue
(5 Sept. - 11 Sept.) University of South Australia
Phone (08) 302 6611

VICTORIA: Contact: Dr Colin Hope
(11 Sept. - 18 Sept.) Monash University
Phone (03) 905 3262

NEW SOUTH WALES: Contact: Miss Joan Beck
(18 - 25 Sept.) Macquarie University
Phone (02) 850 8848

On TUESDAY 19 September, Professor Martin will give a public lecture at 8 pm in X5B Theatre (new building next to W6A) Macquarie University, entitled: *Reflections on Egyptian Art of the New Kingdom*.

Cost: \$8 (members \$5).

SPECIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR

CONFERENCE: *SECRETS BENEATH THE SANDS OF EGYPT*

On SATURDAY 23 September 1995, a Conference, *Secrets Beneath the Sands of Egypt*, will be held in Mason Theatre (E7B), Macquarie University from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm. Our Visiting Fellow, Professor Geoffrey Martin will speak twice; the titles of his lectures: *A Street of New Kingdom Tombs at Saqqara* and *The Tomb of Maya, Treasurer of Tutankhamun*. Other speakers will be Mr Michael Birrell, MA (Macquarie); Dr Colin Hope (Monash); Professor Naguib Kanawati and Dr Boyo Ockinga (Macquarie) who will speak on their recent excavations in Egypt.

The Conference is advertised through the Continuing Education Program and we advise our members and friends to book as soon as possible.

Cost: \$30 (SCHOOL students \$20). Please make cheque payable to MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY and forward with enclosed form to: Miss Joan Beck, School of History, Macquarie University, North Ryde 2109.

Refreshments will be available at a reasonable cost.

COURSES AND LECTURES PLANNED

AN INTRODUCTION TO ANCIENT EGYPT: Dr Boyo Ockinga will conduct a 6-weeks course from 7-9 pm on TUESDAYS, commencing 1 August in X5B 134. The illustrated lectures will include different aspects of Egyptian culture; geography, history, religion, and sites to be visited on the SPECIAL STUDY TOUR in January, 1996.

Cost: \$50 (members \$45). Members of the Study Tour FREE.

THE ARCHITECTURE OF ANCIENT EGYPT: Mrs Gael Callaghan will conduct a 4-weeks course from 7-9 pm each THURSDAY, commencing 3 August, in X5B 136.

Cost: \$35 (members \$30).

SOCIETY IN NEW KINGDOM EGYPT: Mr Michael Birrell will hold a one day series of lectures from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm on SATURDAY 2 September in the Union Building. The lectures will examine the life on the land, the role of the army, the economy, cult temples, trade, etc. **CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED.**

Cost: \$100 (includes a Middle Eastern Smorgasbord lunch, and morning and afternoon tea).

LECTURE: *LAW AND JUSTICE IN ANCIENT EGYPT:* Mr Greg Judd, a solicitor who has completed his MA in Egyptology and is currently undertaking research in the Egyptian system of justice, will give a lecture at 8 pm on WEDNESDAY, 16 August in W5A T2. This is a FREE lecture.

Please make cheques payable to MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY for the **above** courses and lectures and forward with the enclosed form to: Miss Joan Beck, School of History, Macquarie University, North Ryde 2109.

INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY: Mrs Tina Ashburner will give a 6-weeks course from 9.45 am to 12 noon each MONDAY, commencing 16 October, in the Museum of Ancient Cultures, X5B. Cost: \$200. Please make cheque payable to MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY and forward to Centre for Open Education, Macquarie University.

BEHIND THE GLASS CASE: Mrs Tina Ashburner, Mr Graham Joyner and Miss Rosalie Cook will give talks from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm on SATURDAY, 4 November, in the Museum, X5B. **Class size strictly limited.** Cost: \$200 (includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea). Please make cheque payable to MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY and forward to Centre for Open Education, Macquarie University.

INFORMAL DINNER

An informal dinner for members and their friends will be held at the '**33 RESTAURANT**', 122-124 Wicks Road, North Ryde (near Epping Road) on MONDAY, 28 August at 7 pm.

The restaurant serves a smorgasbord meal of Australian, Thai, Malaysian and Chinese dishes with salads, fruit, desserts, and tea and coffee included. Cost: \$14.50 (drinks extra - fully licensed). PLEASE NOTE - The number is limited and we advise you to book early. Please make cheques payable to '**33 Restaurant**' and forward with the enclosed form to Miss Joan Beck, School of History, Macquarie University, North Ryde 2109.

Payments must reach Miss Beck by FRIDAY 18 August.

AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR EGYPTOLOGY TOUR OF SOUTHERN ITALY AND SICILY

The 5-weeks tour of Italy/Sicily will leave Sydney on WEDNESDAY 4 October, 1995. The group will visit sites in Rome and Naples before crossing to Sicily for a 19-days tour of the island sites. On returning to Rome the group will visit Etruscan sites before returning to Sydney.

THE A.C.E. SPECIAL TOUR OF EGYPT - JANUARY 1996

The A.C.E. Special Tour of Egypt is fully booked and the group will leave Sydney on SATURDAY 6 January, 1996 for a 3-weeks tour of Saqqara, Giza, Abusir, then Luxor, Aswan and Abu Simbel. There will be two luxury cruises, one on the Nile from Luxor to Aswan and the second on Lake Nasser.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Nominations are being called for members to serve on the Activities Committee. The Committee is engaged in organising activities for the A.C.E. and in fund raising. Members of the present Committee have agreed to stand for a further term, but new members would be warmly welcomed. Nominations to: Miss Baska Bartsch, c/- Miss Joan Beck, School of History, Macquarie University, North Ryde 2109.

ALL ENQUIRIES: MISS JOAN BECK - (02) 850 8848