

Abel Tasman/Discovery Miscellany -- 5 December 2018

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Please reply to let us know if you no longer wish to receive these occasional newsletters. Please also let us know of any relevant events or snippets of interesting news for wider distribution. Thank you.

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This miscellany is in two parts: News -- and New Books, of which several are New Zealand publications that might be of interest. Maybe it's a factor of the 250th anniversary of Cook's first voyage that some are on broader sea-related topics, particularly Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa (the Pacific Ocean).

As this year draws to a close, it's an opportunity to look back and see that some projects have come full circle, bringing a feeling of peaceful closure. While for other projects such as Tuia--Encounters 250 it's just beginning.

**1 Pounamu unveiled at Lutjegast Museum:** As mentioned previously, Doug Huria (kaumatua of Ngati Tumatakokiri) and his wife Margaret travelled to Lutjegast to be part of the installation of the pounamu which Ngati Tumatakokiri had gifted to Grootegast Mayor Ard van der Tuuk at last December's commemoration in Golden Bay/Mohua.

The ceremonies at a small local church and the museum in Lutjegast took place on 22 September, with special guests including the New Zealand ambassador to the Netherlands (Lyndal Walker) and Rob Zaagman, who had done so much to support the heritage connections during his posting to New Zealand, and the Huria's son Todd and his family from London. Both Doug and Rob were presented with the Abel Tasman Erepenning (Medal of Honour).

We look forward to seeing and sharing the video of the occasion when it's available. In the meantime, here are a couple of still photographs:



*Formal speeches in a local (Lutjegast) church--Photo copyright John Wamsteker, Tolbert.*



*Mission accomplished! Doug Huria and Harke Bosma (Museum Chairperson) together with the pounamu Ruamiki (named after Doug's ancestor) in the Abel Tasman Museum, Lutjegast.*

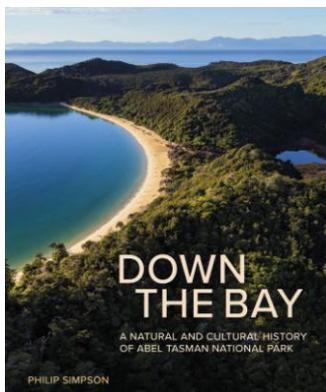
**2 Short film version (12 minutes) of FE375 documentary now on YouTube:** We continue to be deeply grateful to Peter Blasdale for his ongoing commitment to promoting the First Encounter 375 commemoration through the documentaries he has created. The short version has been shown at 3 short-film festivals in the South Island: Nelson, Blenheim and, most recently, Takaka, where it received the best documentary award. Congratulations, Peter, and thank you--it's been an eye-opening experience, especially for those of us who tend to be word/paper-based. The short version has now been loaded on YouTube and you can see it here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkFMM-SJA8o&t](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkFMM-SJA8o&t)

**3 Golden Bay/Mohua community invited to see the FE375 documentary:** Tasman District Council is hosting a community screening of the long (47-minute) documentary in Takaka's Village Theatre on Sunday 16 December 2018 at 5pm; koha entry/donation. We very much appreciate our council's support of this event, which is taking place just two days ahead of this year's 376th anniversary.

**4 Australian and New Zealand Map Society--Minutes of 2018 AGM:** This year's AGM of the trans-Tasman map group was held at the National Library of New Zealand in Wellington. The minutes include plans for events in 2020, and information about membership, plus a link to their website: [www.anzmaps.org/2018/11/30/2018-agm-minutes/](http://www.anzmaps.org/2018/11/30/2018-agm-minutes/)

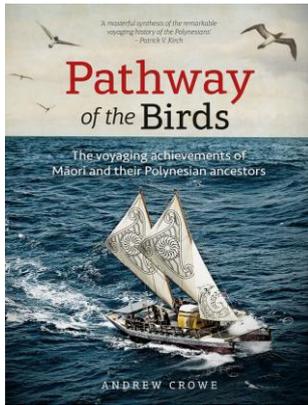
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NEW BOOKS



Philip Simpson: Down the Bay; a natural and cultural history of Abel Tasman National Park (Potton & Burton). An eagerly awaited account from local botanist-historian and author Dr Philip Simpson. To be launched in Golden Bay/Mohua on 12 December.

312 pages, hardback ISBN: 9780947503932 Publisher's info: tinyurl.com/y7aavbj3



Andrew Crowe: Pathway of the Birds; the voyaging achievements of Maori and their Polynesian ancestors (Bateman)

288 pages, ISBN 9781869539610. Publisher's info: tinyurl.com/y8xqcale



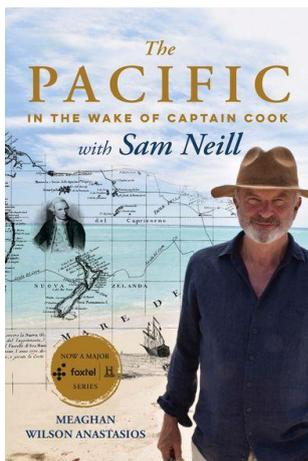
New Zealand and the Sea: Historical Perspectives, edited by Frances Steel (Bridget Williams Books) A multi-disciplinary rich collection (its origins in a 2013 symposium) of 15 scholarly essays, beginning with Emeritus Professor Atholl Anderson's "Finding Tonganui: East Polynesian Seafaring and Migration to New Zealand".

384 pages; ISBN: 9780947518707. Publisher's info: tinyurl.com/y9esqnov



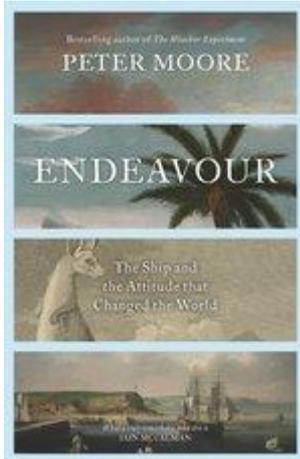
Lana Lopesi: False Divides; how do we get to know each other again? (Bridget Williams Books) A short "BWB Text" discussing the great unifying ocean continent Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa (Pacific Ocean) and the effect of "false divides" between islands and their peoples created by modern politics.

120 pages; ISBN 9781988533858. Also in ebook format. Publisher's info: tinyurl.com/y7jcjbpu



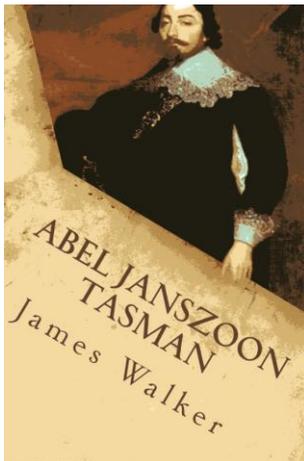
Meaghan Wilson Anastasios: The Pacific, in the wake of Captain Cook, with Sam Neill (HarperCollins Australia). The book associated with the TV series, and reflecting the same quirky style and diverse content.

464 pages; ISBN: 9781460756393. Also in eBook formats. Publisher's info: tinyurl.com/y96y9vkf



Peter Moore: Endeavour; the Ship and the Attitude that Changed the World (Vintage Australia). The complete story, not just Cook!

432 pages; ISBN 9780143780267. Also in e-formats. Publisher's info: tinyurl.com/y8vyvdu9



James Backhouse Walker: Abel Janszoon Tasman; his life and voyages. (copyright 2017 James Backhouse Walker) Don't be misled by the blurb that "no life of the first circumnavigator of Australia has hitherto appeared in English ... [etc]". This is a reformatted reprint of an 1895 address to the Royal Society of Tasmania which can be accessed online at: tinyurl.com/yahexvqp

75 pages ISBN 1537458086 Info from Amazon.com: tinyurl.com/ybbcks54

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