

Discovery Miscellany--September 2021

Our voyage through the uncharted waters of Covid 19 continues, but books, journals and other sources of relevance to the Pacific Ocean Te Moana Nui a Kiwa and discovery are still being published. Please contribute items of interest to the email address at the end.



1 Lydia Wevers--a tribute

Emeritus Professor Lydia Wevers ONZM, leading literary historian, critic and humanities advocate died recently in Wellington.

In 2012, as part of the Abel Tasman 370 commemoration, she chaired an important seminar of scholars including manawhenua and guests from Holland, which the Netherlands Ambassador HE Arie van der Wiel had convened. Discussion focussed on better understanding the first encounter events that occurred in Golden Bay/Mohua on 18/19 December 1642.

Lydia was Director of the Stout Research Centre at Victoria University of Wellington from 2001 to 2017 and received several awards recognising her achievements and contributions to a number of cultural organisations. Her scholarship, enquiring mind and energy will be greatly missed. A memorial service will follow when circumstances allow.

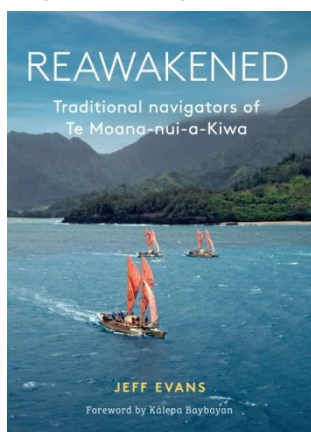
2 Research & Publications

- **Polynesian migration routes** are the subject of research being carried out at the University of Auckland under the leadership of Professor Ethan Cochrane. Carbon-dating of ceramics is challenging previous research:
<http://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/news/2021/06/03/polynesian-migration-theories-challenged-by-new-research.html>
- **Tasman's anchor, lost off Tasmania in December 1642**, is the subject of two articles in the forthcoming **AJMA 43**, the 2020 volume of the annual *Australasian Journal of Maritime Archaeology*, published by the Australasian Institute of Maritime Archaeology (AIMA).
 - **p. 71-79: Ruediger Mack**, "Tasman's anchor [...]: A reassessment of the anchorage location; three attempts (1994, 1996, 2005) have failed to find it.
 - **p. 103-105: Mick de Ruyter**, "The Tasman's Anchor Survey conducted by HMA Ships *Diamantina* and *Huon* in October 2005".People interested in reading these may like to contact AIMA direct; the *Journal* is not listed on JSTOR: publications@aima-underwater.org.au
- **James Cook followed in Abel Tasman's wake** is one theme of Arjan van der Boon's article "The man who showed Captain Cook the way to Aotearoa" (*New Zealand Memories* 148, Feb/Mar 2021, p. 4-11), beautifully illustrated in colour. Arjan writes as the co-chair of the museum Trust for the Oranjehof Museum in Foxton, New Zealand, which was opened in 2017.

Copies of the issue can be purchased here <http://www.memories.co.nz/new-zealand-memories-issue-148-1477182> and it is also widely held in New Zealand libraries.

3 New books

Jeff Evans: *Reawakened: Traditional navigators of Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa* (Massey University Press, 2021) 256p. ISBN 9780995131804



Ten navigators from Aotearoa New Zealand, the Cook Islands and Hawai'i share the challenges and triumphs of traditional wayfinding based on the deep knowledge of legendary navigator Mau Piailug.

More details and links to interviews and reviews on the publisher's website:

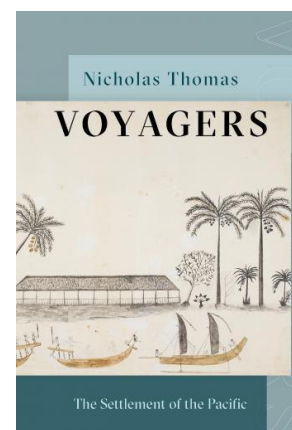
<https://www.masseypress.ac.nz/books/reawakened/>

Nicholas Thomas: *Voyagers: The settlement of the Pacific* (Head of Zeus, 2021) 228p. ISBN: 9781838930493

An attractive small book, well-illustrated, scholarly and readable. The Cambridge University anthropologist charts the course of seaborne migrations which populated the islands between Asia and the Americas, and the later movements of Polynesian peoples even further afield. Tupaia's map (from Cook's first voyage) is used as part of the book design, though not acknowledged.

More details on the publisher's website:

<http://www.headofzeus.com/books/9781838930493>



4 Other information

- **AIMA scholarship 2021 now open:** The project must be consistent with AIMA objectives (listed in the application kit) and have a benefit/application to maritime archaeology. The award is open to all persons conducting maritime archaeological research within Australasia. Further to previous applications, this year's scholarship application must also include a COVIDSafe Plan. This year, up to \$6000 [AUD] will be awarded and **applications close on Monday 27 September 2021**.

More info here: <https://www.aima-underwater.org.au/scholarships.html>

- **Australian and New Zealand Map Society: *ANZMapS Newsletter 126*** (Winter 2021), full of interesting updates: <https://www.anzmaps.org/newsletter/>
- ***Map Matters 40*** (Summer & Autumn 2021): the most recent newsletter of the Australia on the Map group (of the Australasian Hydrographic Society), for is available at <https://www.australiaonthemap.org.au/news/> These newsletters contain major articles as well as other news.
- **"Chasing the Sun,"** by Nathan Beacom (*The New Atlantis*, no. 64, Spring 2021, pp. 21–36): Subheading: "The extraordinary story of two Pacific voyages of discovery a thousand years apart". Revisits Thor Heyerdahl and the Kon Tiki expedition.
<https://www.thenewatlantis.com/publications/chasing-the-sun>

- **International maritime trade routes in the 16th & 17th centuries** are the subject of a very recent (28 August 2021) instalment of Anton Howes' blog "The Age of Invention". He writes about the reason for Dutch supremacy. Find it by subscribing (free) at <https://antonhowes.substack.com/>
- **"How to design a sailing ship for the 21st century?"** by Kris de Decker (*Low Tech Magazine*, 11 May 2021) makes it seem unlikely ...: <https://www.lowtechmagazine.com/2021/05/how-to-design-a-sailing-ship-for-the-21st-century.html>

5 On the side

- **The Aotearoa History Show** (Episode 3, Early Encounters): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XDwH2fMsJa8>
- **Abel Tasman Point** (Golden Bay/Mohua) in Melvin (Pat) Day's oil painting "Tasman Point 11"; with the rounded Taupo Point headland in the background. A reminder of the setting for the first encounter in December 1642. Sold at auction during August for NZD \$38,000.



- **Waka heritage** (Stuff Ltd, 4 August 2021), cartoonist Tom Scott acknowledging the success of New Zealand athletes in water sports at the Tokyo Olympics. Reproduced with thanks.

