

Discovery Miscellany—May 2022

An informal gathering of information about events and publications of relevance to the Pacific Ocean Te Moana Nui a Kiwa and discovery. Please contribute items of interest to the email address at the end.



1 Pacific voyaging knowledge shared

Different aspects of traditional Polynesian voyaging were presented at a ground-breaking 2019 wānanga (conference) on Pacific voyaging. The event drew leading academics and artisans, tohunga kōkōrangi (astronomers and navigators), tohunga tārai waka (boatwrights and carvers) as well as anthropologists, archaeologists, traditional and academic historians, museum conservators, biologists, geneticists, and even a geochemist. Proceedings, through a series of audio, video and written presentations have recently come available online: <https://voyagingwananga.nz/#>



On a related topic, *Huinga waka: A gathering of canoes* <https://tinyurl.com/ms6nmtvk>, is a reflection by Ngā Taonga with images and audio on the building, launching and paddling of waka taua (war canoes) compiled to mark Waitangi Day (6 February) 2022.

2 Antarctic explorers' ship survives

The discovery in March 2022 of Sir Ernest Shackleton's lost ship *Endurance* is one of the most important Antarctic finds and will shed new light on the legendary expedition. The wooden vessel was crushed by ice in the Weddell Sea and sank in 1915, stranding the crew. In one of the all-time great tales of survival, Shackleton



and Frank Worsley successfully navigated across the Southern Ocean to South Georgia, a distance of 1300 kilometres, resulting in the eventual rescue of all 28 men. The *Endurance*22 mission was organised by the Falklands Maritime Heritage Trust, using advanced underwater vehicles fitted with high-definition cameras and scanners. The wreck, in remarkable condition, was discovered at a depth of 3000m. The image shows the ship's stern with the star Polaris beneath, reflecting her former name.

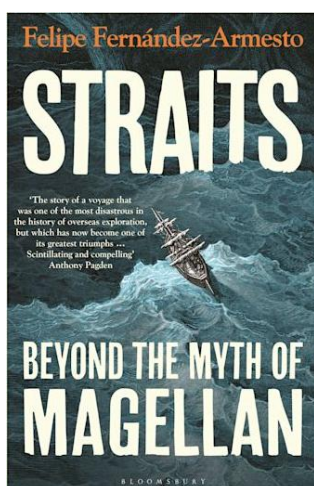
Read more here: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Endurance_\(1912_ship\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Endurance_(1912_ship))

3 Research & Publications

- **The Globe 90** (2021) and **91** (2022): Find the contents lists here: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8e6vkm> and scroll down to the end for the latest issues. They include selected papers from the ANZMapS annual conference (March 2022), contributed articles, reviews and reports. Articles and papers are peer-reviewed.
- **Map Matters 43** (Autumn 2022): the most recent newsletter of the Australia on the Map group (of the Australasian Hydrographic Society) edited by Marianne Pietersen is available at <https://tinyurl.com/42fmad7>. Of special interest are articles by Robert King (on the earliest maps/charts of New Zealand) and John Welch on an early map of Port Stephens (from Nicholas Vallard's 1547 atlas), plus the broad-ranging news it always contains.
- **Australian and New Zealand Map Society: ANZMapS Newsletter 127** (Autumn 2022): A useful update from Australian state institutions on recent cartographic acquisitions and events: Read it here: <https://tinyurl.com/4bk8teui>
- **Anton Howes: The Age of Invention--Longitude**: In April 2022 Anton Howes' blog/newsletter discussed myth-busting innovation prizes, including the so-called 'Longitude Prize' of 1714. His full report is here: <https://tinyurl.com/sj46vrst>

4 New Books

- **Felipe Fernandez-Armesto: *Straits: beyond the myth of Magellan*** (Bloomsbury, 2022) 384p. ISBN 9781526632074

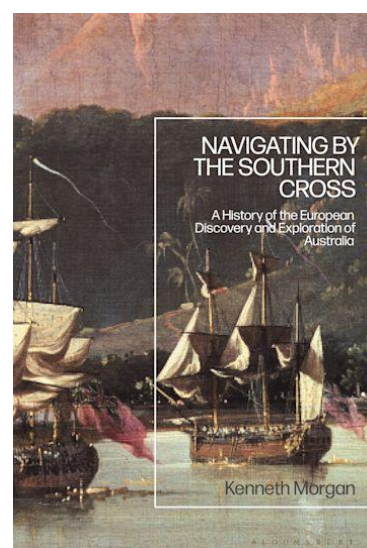


The historian author, states the publisher, 'draws on extensive and meticulous research ... and probes the passions and tensions that drove Magellan to adventure and drew him to disaster'. One reviewer finds that the explorer was 'obsessed with staking claim to the land now known as the Philippines, where he knew gold was to be found.'

Publisher information here: <https://tinyurl.com/mwnc3ped>

- **Kenneth Morgan: *Navigating by the Southern Cross: A history of the European discovery and exploration of Australia*** (Bloomsbury Academic, 2021) 385p. ISBN: 9781350154773

A book with Pacific connections beyond Australia. Chapters on individual voyages are complemented by new findings in contextual topics such navigation, nautical astronomy and cartography. These are set within the broader contexts of imperial, colonial, and maritime history. The author is Professor of History at Brunel University, London, and has also published a biography of Matthew Flinders. Publisher information here: <https://tinyurl.com/2adeduje>



5 Other information

- **250th anniversary of Marion du Fresne voyage: a new chart**

The French ships *Mascarin* and *Marquis de Castries* spent five weeks in the Bay of Islands from 4 May 1772, a stay that ended with loss of life on both sides. A new chart by Grainger Brown (on left in image) accurately locating the ships' positions at various times was prepared for the 250th anniversary; read more here:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9fs62b>



- **Bonaparte Tasman Map (1644):** The State Library of New South Wales has owned a 1644 chart with a mysterious history since 1933. Its name comes from a 19th century owner Prince Roland Bonaparte. Now scanned as part of Google Cultural Institute Art Camera Project, it can be explored in fine detail here:

<https://tinyurl.com/2fjbjw9>

- **AIMA conference (21-23 September 2022).** Call for session proposals, with a deadline of 28 May. The theme of the conference is “Decolonising Maritime Archaeology, Heritage and Museums in Australasia”. More info here:

<https://tinyurl.com/4yzk5mt6>

- **Christmas I: The First NZ Christmas** (podcast, 20 minutes; 2019). Find it here: <https://tinyurl.com/2p99vhd8> Account of Tasman's voyage approaching the New Zealand coast, the first encounter with Māori, and the first Christmas, spent in the lee of Rangitoto ki te Tonga / d'Urville Island. The source of this podcast (True Crime NZ) may seem unusual; the series is attributed to “Sirius Rust”, a husband and wife team who compile it as a hobby.

The last word... Cheers!

Waitoa Navigator Pacific Pale Ale:



Described by its New Zealand creators as ‘a delicate Pacific Pale Ale, inspired by the peoples who have traversed the Pacific Ocean for Millennia. Galaxy hops lead a bouquet of tropical fruit, reminiscent of the flavours found in many an island paradise scattered across the Pacific.’

