



The Royal Society of New South Wales

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The role of the State Library in the Twenty First Century



Join us on 3 July at 6:00 pm to hear about some of the treasures of the State Library of NSW, which traces its origins back to 1826, only five years after the creation of the precursor of the Royal Society of NSW in 1821.



The incomparable collections of the State Library of New South Wales document the history and development of New South Wales, Australia and Oceania. From foundation documents including 9 of the 11 known First Fleet journals to botanical treatises, guns and medals and today's Twitter, the vast collections show many facets of this country and its people. Is this simply an historical obsession, destined to go the way of the horse drawn carriage as a charming and graceful reminder of the past? Or is the Library still relevant in an increasingly digital world?

Dr Alex Byrne a professional librarian, researcher and writer with deep interest in the roles of memory institutions, the complexity of issues relating to Indigenous peoples and transmission of knowledge. His publications deal with human rights, access to information, information architectures and libraries of the future. He has been State Librarian and Chief Executive of the State Library of New South Wales since September 2011 following positions in library and university management, most recently at the University and the University of Technology, Sydney. Alex served for a decade in leadership positions with the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions including President from 2005 to 2007. He enjoys the travel and the bush, drawing and printmaking, and – inevitably – reading.



Note there is a strict dress code:
Jacket and tie.

Coming Soon...The Royal Society of NSW will be hosting an evening with Professor Peter Doherty, winner of the 1996 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, on Friday 9 August 2013. Please see our Events page for more details:

http://www.royalsoc.org.au/meetings_&_events/talks_index_2013.php

WEDNESDAY 3 July 2013

6:00 for a 6:30pm start

Delivered by:

Dr Alex Byrne, NSW State Librarian

Union, University & Schools Club

25 Bent St, Sydney City

\$5 for members, \$10 for non-members

We often have dinner after the meeting - the cost is \$75 per head for two courses and house wine.

Pre-booking is appreciated.

http://royalsoc.org.au/meetings_&_events/images_and_docs/Dinner_booking_sheet.pdf

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