

# MARITIME EXPLORERS OF THE PAST

## WA's Early Visitors

**This workshop concentrates on the maritime explorers who travelled the WA Coastline.**

Archaeologists will talk about the explorers' landfalls such as at Dirk Hartog Island (named for the visit of the Dutch explorer Dirk Hartog in 1616), their disasters and shipwrecks following trade routes to the Dutch East Indies (the Batavia wreck on the Aboelholos Islands and the *Vergulde Draeck* shipwreck near Ledge point) and their navigational achievements and scientific explorations (De Freycinet and Dampier in the Kimberley).

Archaeologists will talk about the artefacts:

- Pewter plate, coins, bottles, ceramics, trade items from the holds
- Navigational equipment
- Journals
- Scientific achievements

**Study area:**

Historical & maritime archaeology

**Duration:**

2 hours

**Activities:**

- Powerpoint display and interactive study of the objects and historical journals relevant to the maritime sites covered
- There will be opportunities for interaction via shoe box archaeology and an object handling session

**Cost:**

\$300 flat rate

