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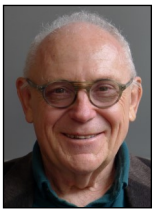
History and Subjectivity: An Early Depiction of Hardy's Inlet, Augusta, by Thomas Turner – Artist, Architect and Surveyor

Presented by Richard Read

This lecture examines in depth a single work by the Western Australian artist Thomas Turner (1813-1895): *Augusta Hardy's Inlet, First Settlement*, *May 1830* (1830s). Dr Richard Read will compare Turner's work to other Australian painters of the same period and other artists of the European picturesque tradition together with its continuing imaginative life in an art gallery. The presentation will explore primary documents concerning the Turner family's settlement in Augusta from the 1830s, retrospective commentary supplied by Turner's later works and broader research into the ecology of the area, the colonial use of picturesque art conventions and the impact of occupation on the Wardandi and Bibbulmum tribes. Turner's paintings include the Turner's Albion House and the homes of the Bussell and Molloy families. His Vasse sketches include the Bussell's *Cattle Chosen*. A thought provoking presentation on the tensions between interpretations that rely on topographical investigation, art historical analysis and conflicting histories of colonial life.



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