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Macleay Museum **Invitation**



Bruce Thom was Professor of Geography at the University of Sydney (1985-1993), and Vice Chancellor of the University of New England. Now Emeritus Professor Thom is a powerful advocate of sustainability and advisor to government agencies and coastal communities. He is also a member of the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists and is President of the Australian Coastal Society.

Griffith Taylor – a contemporary geographic perspective

Professor Bruce Thom, Faculty Geosciences University of Sydney

Griffith Taylor was a geographer schooled in the 1900s. Does his geography hold up today? Do we have anything to learn from his times and battles about our own society?

Bruce Thom's concern for the Australian environment, its condition, utilisation and carrying capacity is something that he shared with Griffith Taylor. But Thom's similarities with Taylor do not stop with his ability to bring sound geographic perspectives to the big issues of the day. Indeed from a distinguished undergraduate degree at Sydney University, through studies and work in the USA and Canada to becoming the 'father' of Australian coastal studies Bruce Thom's career has taken a similar path to that of Sydney's founding professor of Geography.

Join Professor Thom as he guides us through a geographer's view of the energetic scholar.

Wednesday 5 August, 6pm

Macleay Museum, University of Sydney (Enter via Gosper Lane off Science Road)

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Above: Bruce Thom

Right: Griffith Taylor on a Geography Department field trip demonstrating the Cambrian period. Photographer Edgeworth David, no date, University of Sydney Archives, P11, 35, 8-1.



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