



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

30 June

Aboriginal South-east Queensland: Material Culture and Change.

This week at Friday Forum – 30 June: This week's guest speaker at Friday Environment Forum will be **Dr Ray Kerkhove**, of Griffith University.



Baines' image of Kangaroo Point Camp in Brisbane, 1850s

Dr Kerkhove is currently working with the Harry Gentle Resource Centre which focuses on the earliest decades of Queensland's history and he has recently assisted several Aboriginal groups in southern Queensland with their cultural revitalization projects.

He will be discussing Reconstructing Aspects of Aboriginal South-east Queensland: Material Culture and Change.

In this highly visual presentation, Dr Kerkhove will reconstruct some of the distinctive or defining elements of Contact-Period material culture of south-east Queensland including examples from the Sunshine Coast.

He will identify elements that are distinctive to southern Queensland and different from the rest of Australia. His explanation will include discussion of key resources, practices, types of implements and modes of art that distinguished the region from other parts of Australia. He will also explore the challenges faced in re-imagining and developing contemporary versions of lost heritage and will consider new modes of cultural expression that developed in local Aboriginal groups between the 1840s and 1930s.

All are invited to join the audience at the Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive Noosaville on June 30 to hear this interesting discussion. The forum starts at 10.30am, but coffee and a chat are on offer from 10am. For those interested in an interpretive birding walk before the forum, meet Valda in the Environment Centre car park at 8.30am.

All welcome.



*Bark canoes at Hervey Bay 1850s
(Image courtesy of NSW State Library)*