



LEARNING WORKS UPDATE

Social History

Australia Day – Western Australia’s Early Dutch and French Explorers

On 26 January each year – Australia Day - Australians recall the arrival in New South Wales of the Captain Arthur Phillip and the First Fleet of convicts, and the foundation of the settlement in Sydney Cove. But it’s easy to forget that, for almost 180 years before 1788, other Europeans – including ships from Holland, France, Portugal and even the United States - had come into contact with the Australian continent, and especially on our western coast.

This extensive and fascinating maritime aspect of our history is featured in permanent exhibitions in the Shipwreck Galleries of the Western Australian Maritime Museum in Fremantle. For Learning Works, Tony Ryan recently visited the Shipwreck Galleries and was given a guided tour by Myra Stanbury, from the Western Australian Museum.

As well as hearing about some of the maritime history of our western shores, especially the coming of ships from Holland and France, we also hear about the availability of **nationally accredited training for anyone interested in marine archaeology as a career with a difference**, and about the importance of collections such as this one, in coming to an understanding of our nation’s history. Further information is online – www.museum.wa.gov.au

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