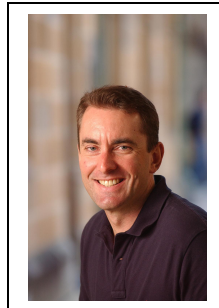




**Royal Society of New South Wales**  
**Southern Highlands Branch Thursday June 15 2017**

***Dr. Michael Birrell***



Dr Michael Birrell obtained his BA(Hons) in Archaeology at Sydney University in 1988 and received an MA (1992) and a PhD (1999) in Egyptology from Macquarie University. From 1992 to 2002 he was a tutor and lecturer in the Ancient History Department at Macquarie University, and has taught many courses for Continuing Education at Sydney University. He has worked on numerous archaeological excavations in both Egypt and Israel, and has travelled widely in the Middle East, Asia and Europe. Dr Birrell has research interests in ancient Egyptian religion and government, and is collecting data for a book on New Kingdom temple architecture. For the past 20 years he has run a travel company called 'B.C. Archaeology' which specializes in history and archaeology.

**Topic: LUXOR TEMPLE: THE SOUTHERN HAREM OF AMUN**

Luxor temple lies in the heart of the modern city of Luxor in southern Egypt. It was a cult place for the worship of the Egyptian god Amun-Re who was the imperial state god during the New Kingdom. The temple developed over 200 years acquiring a series of processional courts and monumental sculpture.

**DATE:** Thursday 15 June 2017      **TIME:** 6.30 PM  
**VENUE:** Performance Arts Center. Chevalier. Bowral  
Enter off Charlott St.      Doors open 6 pm.

**PRICES:** Lecture only: Non-members \$10 (RS Members \$5)  
Booking not required.  
Following the lecture, there will be a dinner with the lecturer, open to  
Members and non members [Bookings for dinner are before Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June](#)  
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