



The Yankalilla & District Historical Society
Friday talks

Digging for Treasure: the rediscovery of Pompeii and Herculaneum

Speaker: Dr Jane Olsson (Yankalilla and District Historical Society)

10:00 am, Friday 31 March 2023

Yankalilla Library

181 Main South Road, Yankalilla

From the treasure hunts of the mid-18th century to the more recent focus on documentation and preservation, the rediscovery and excavation of the ancient Roman sites of Pompeii and Herculaneum provide an insight into the emergence of archaeology as a discipline. In the late 1980's Jane was fortunate to be involved in the "Houses in Pompeii" documentation project as part of her PhD research. Funded by the Australian Research Council this project was jointly managed by the University of Adelaide and the University of Sydney in conjunction with the German Archaeological Institute with the aim of recording areas of ancient Pompeii which had already been excavated but not well documented, and which were rapidly deteriorating due to weather, tourism, and natural disasters such as earthquakes. This talk will look at the history of the excavations of the two sites and how the methods used at different times have contributed to how the sites appear today.



Pompeii: View of Vesuvius from the Forum, Ernest Breton 1855 (Engraving)



Pompeii: Storerooms (Photo: Jane Olsson, 1988)

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