

Friends Foundation Staff Fellowship



David Kaus Photo: Lannon Harley

Since its beginnings as a group of passionate advocates for a National Museum in the late 1980s the Friends has consistently sought new ways to support the Museum, its collections and staff.

The Friends Foundation Staff Fellowship represents a very important initiative that continues this mission. Each year the Friends Fellowship will assist a member of the Museum's staff to undertake a key research project.

The Fellowship is the first ongoing program to be undertaken by the Friends Foundation, a charitable trust established in 2004 as a means of broadening the Friends' capacity to support the National Museum. The Friends Fellowship is funded entirely by donations to the Foundation.

The inaugural (2008) Friends Fellow is one of the Museum's longest serving staff members, David Kaus, Senior Curator, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Program.

With assistance provided by the Fellowship, David will travel to the Australian Museum, Museum Victoria and the South Australian Museum to research Aboriginal artefacts and natural history specimens collected by Herbert Basedow and held in the collections of these institutions. David's project will establish a much better picture of the Museum's own Basedow holdings in the context of other collections, and of how Basedow fits into the bigger picture of 'scientific' collecting in Australia. David's research will be showcased in a talk to Friends and an article in the *Friends* magazine in 2009.

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The Friends will be soon calling for applications for the 2009 Friends Foundation Fellowship.

If you would like to help support the National Museum's capacity to undertake important research, support the 2009 Friends Foundation Fellowship.

All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Simply complete the donation form on the reverse side of the mailing sheet enclosed with this copy of the Friends magazine.

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