

INTRODUCTION

This publication contains seventeen of the papers presented at *The 2nd International Small Island Cultures Conference*, which was held at the Museum Theatre, Norfolk Island Museum, Norfolk Island, 9-13 February 2006. Each of the papers published herein has undergone blind peer-review by two or more anonymous readers.

The conference provided an interdisciplinary forum for island culture specialists to present their research, to gain a perspective on work in other fields and to consolidate the SICRI (Small Island Cultures Research Initiative) network. Norfolk Island was selected as a venue for the second conference due to its cultural vitality and commitment to preserving local island heritage, aspects that local activists presented on at the conference.

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