



Newham & District Landcare Group



AGM

Friday 20th September 2024

'This continent of smoke': fire in our lives and landscapes

The first Australians were possibly lured to the southern continent by smoke over a blue, oceanic horizon. They were the most adventurous humans on Earth, crossing one of the great planetary boundaries to make their home in a land like no other. In the last 250 years, the British invasion of Australia has unleashed an accelerating cultural and ecological revolution on Aboriginal lands. What does the deep and recent history of fire reveal about the place in which we live?



Join us for an evening of fire and ice!

Our guest speaker is Tom Griffiths, a writer and historian who lives in the Macedon Ranges. He is Emeritus Professor of History at the Australian National University and a prize-winning author. His books include *Hunters and Collectors*; *Forests of Ash: An environmental history*; *Slicing the Silence: Voyaging to Antarctica*, and *The Art of Time Travel: Historians and their craft*. In 2009-12, he worked with people in the Yarra Valley who experienced the Black Saturday firestorm, and they produced a book called *Living with Fire*.

Tom will be joined by Debbie Miller, an author and conservationist visiting from Alaska, who will say a few words about her work as a wilderness campaigner in the north.

Where: **Newham Mechanics Institute**

When: **Friday, September 20th**

6.30pm Drinks and Nibbles

7.00pm AGM

7.15pm Guest Speakers & questions

Supper to follow, wine by the glass for a cash donation



RSVP to Helen Scott for catering:

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