

Dural & District Historical Society
2019 June Roughley Memorial Lecture
Sat 10 August 2pm

**"Discovering an
Illustrious
Ancestor"**

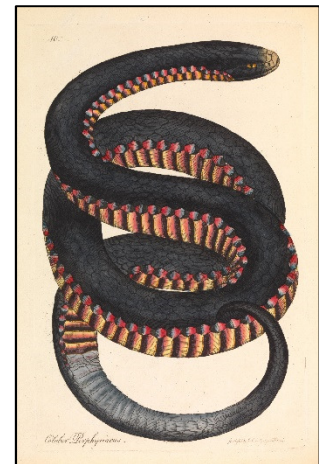
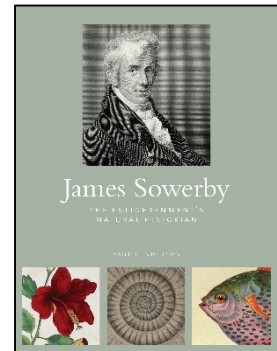
Speaker: Brett Sowerby

**@ Arcadia
Community
Hall, 2.00pm
Saturday
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Free Entry Tea, coffee, nibbles

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Red-bellied black snake
Published by J. Sowerby
Sept 10 1794.
(State Library of VIC)

Discovering an Illustrious Ancestor

Brett Sowerby (aka George Brettingham Sowerby V1) had vaguely heard that some records of his forebear James (1757-1822) were held in London's Natural History Museum. But, on a visit to the UK in 2013, Brett was astonished to find that the museum had 53 boxes of material on James and his descendants. To further pique Brett's interest, he discovered that James had a strong connection with early Australia. After Sir Joseph Banks returned from his journey on the *Endeavour*, James produced illustrations for Banks and subsequently published the first monograph on the flora of New Holland.

Brett will tell the story of his discoveries and introduce the book about James Sowerby's amazing body of work when he delivers the June Roughley Memorial Lecture for the

**Dural & District Historical Society at 2pm on Saturday 10 August 2019 at the
Arcadia Community Hall 136 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia NSW 2159.**