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David Down is the editor of Australia's top selling archaeology magazine, *Archaeological Diggings* which is available from newsagents throughout Australia.

Every year he takes a group of tourists to Egypt, Jordan and Israel and at the end of the tour, members have the option of staying an extra week and working as volunteers on his excavations in Israel where he has been excavating for the last 26 years.

He has just returned from his latest visit to the pyramids of the Faiyum in Egypt.



FREE EGYPT LECTURE

Nicholson Museum Invitation

Sunday 5 July 2009

David Down

PYRAMIDS & EXCAVATIONS IN THE FAIYYUM



El Faiyum is the largest oasis in the land of Egypt. It is about 100 km south west of Cairo and supports a population of some two million people. It was a major centre of the powerful 12th dynasty of Egypt and boasts two large pyramids, one at Hawarra built by Amenemhet III, the other built at Lahun by Sesostri II. These pyramids were once faced with stone blocks but the interior consisted of millions of sun-dried mud bricks. The stone facing has long since been stolen but the brick core remains. Adjoining the Hawarra pyramid was the mysterious labyrinth. Near the Lahun pyramid was the city of Kahun, which was occupied by the workmen who built the pyramids. Sir Flinders Petrie excavated this city and made some amazing discoveries. Because the Faiyum is so remote and these pyramids are not well known, very few tourists visit them, but David takes his group there every year and has made a detailed study of them. His illustrated lecture will explain their many unusual features.

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