Sir Joseph Banks Papers, 1767-1822

The State Library's Sir Joseph Banks papers documents the early scientific and geographic explorations and political landscape of the fledgling colony of New South Wales.

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Sir Joseph Banks Papers [1]

When Sir Joseph Banks died in 1820, he left behind a well organised archive which spanned from 1767 to 1822 and documented his influential career. It was the most comprehensive archive of its kind in Britain, perhaps the world.
Background to the Sir Joseph Banks Papers

Provenance, context and arrangement of the collection.
A CATALOGUE
OF
Kitchen Garden, Grass, Flower, Tree,
and Shrub Seeds,
SOLD BY
GORDON, DERMER, and EDMONDS,
SEEDSMEN,
FENCHURCH-STREET, LONDON.
Who was Sir Joseph Banks? [4]

Banks was actively involved in almost every aspect of Pacific exploration and early Australian colonial life. From the establishment of the Colony of New South Wales he was consulted by anyone wanting to travel to New South Wales in almost any capacity.
Read Joseph Banks' Endeavour Journal [5]

Explore the journal kept by Joseph Banks on board HMS Endeavour.
The Banks project aims are to enhance discovery and access to the collection and promote the research potential in this significant archive.
After his death in 1820, Banks' papers were dispersed to various repositories around the world.

Other Joseph Banks collections around the world [7]