Visions and Voices and the USC Libraries have collaborated to create a series of resource guides that allow you to build on your experiences at many Visions and Voices events. Explore the resources listed below and continue your journey of inquiry and discovery!

Our Country’s Good
BY TIMBERLAKE WERTENBAKER
USC LIBRARIES RESOURCE GUIDE

The USC SCHOOL OF THEATRE’s fall production is Timberlake Wertenbaker’s Our Country’s Good. Based on Thomas Keneally’s novel The Playmaker, the play is a fact-based drama. It recounts the story of how prisoners of the first British penal colony were—in the face of great hardship—organized into a theater company during the 1780s. In cooperation with the USC School of Theatre, ANTHONY ANDERSON of the USC LIBRARIES has selected resources to help you learn more about Australian history and the development of theatre in the former British penal colony.

AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

Bound for Botany Bay:
British Convict Voyages to Australia
By Alan Brooke
National Archives (Great Britain), 2005
Doheny Library HV 8950.A 8 B76 2005

A History of Australia
By C.M.H. Clarke
Melbourne University Press, 1999
Doheny Library DU 110.C 48 1999

The Fatal Shore
By Robert Hughes
Knopf, 1987
Doheny Library DU 115.H 78 1987

A Commonwealth of Thieves:
The Improbable Birth of Australia
By Thomas Keneally
Nan A. Talese/Doubleday, 2006
Leavey Library DU 99.K 46 2006

The Irish in Australia:
Rogues and Reformers, First Fleet to Federation
By Jarlath Ronayne
Viking, 2003
Doheny Library DU 122.I 7 R66 2003

AUSTRALIAN THEATRE

O Brave New World:
Two Centuries of Shakespeare on the Australian Stage
By John Golder
Currency Press, 2001
Doheny Library PR 3109.A 9013 2001

The Australian Theatre:
An Abstract and Brief Chronicle in Twelve Parts
By Paul McGuire
Oxford University Press, 1948
Grand Library PN 3011.M 35

Companion to Theatre in Australia
By Phillip Parsons
Currency Press, 1995
Doheny Library PN 3011.C 66 1995

Playing Australia:
Australian Theatre and the International Stage
By Elizabeth Shafer
Rodopi, 2003
Doheny Library PN 3011.P 56 2003

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