



# Ten Thousand Years of Cultivation at Kuk Swamp in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea

Friday 18 August  
Seminar 3:30–5pm, Book Launch 5 – 7:30pm

## Seminar

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## Speaker

Associate Professor Tim Denham  
School of Archaeology and Anthropology  
College of Arts and Social Sciences

## Location

Theatre 2.02

Sir Roland Wilson, Building #120,  
120 McCoy Circuit, ANU

## Book Launch

5:00 – 7:30pm

## Location

Lady Wilson Room

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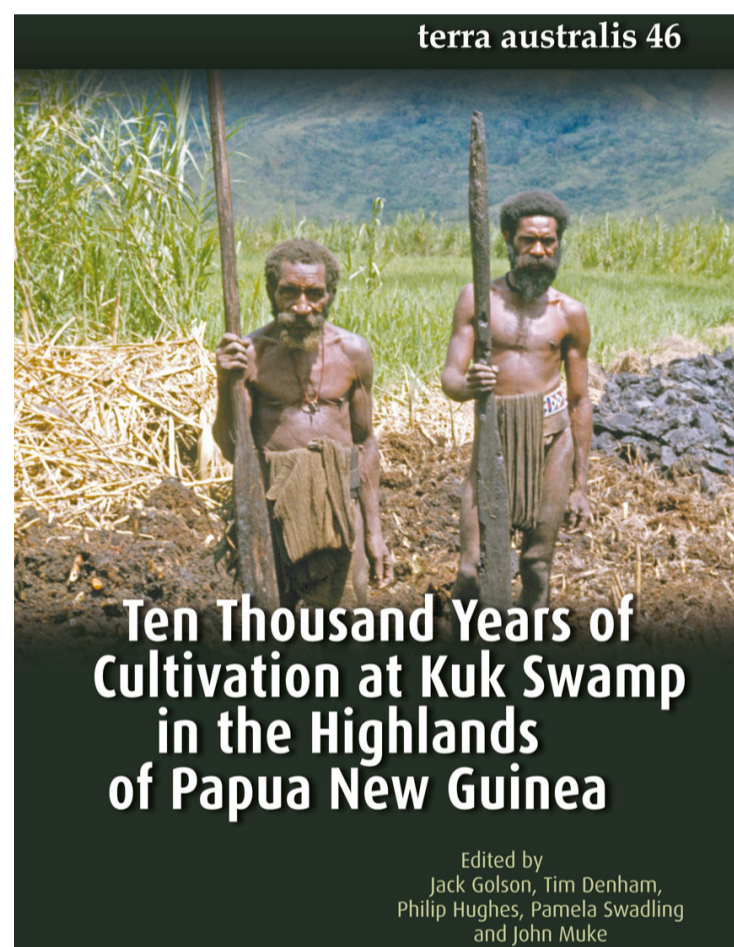
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This book is a landmark publication for ANU as it represents over 50 years of research into early agriculture in the highlands of Papua New Guinea.

The archaeological site at Kuk Swamp in the highlands of Papua New Guinea contains evidence of cultivation practices extending back at least 7000-6400 years ago, and possibly to 10,000 years ago.

The site is one of the most important archaeological sites in the equatorial western Pacific and represents the earliest evidence for agriculture in the region.

The book will be launched at the Sir Roland Wilson Building from 5–7:30pm, Friday 18 August.

The launch will be preceded by a seminar by Assoc. Professor Denham who will review the multidisciplinary findings at Kuk, including the archaeological evidence, from 10,000 years ago to the present. The title of his seminar is *The global significance of Kuk Swamp: early agriculture in the highlands of Papua New Guinea*.

The book is available for free download or can be purchased in hard copy from the ANU Press at [https://press.anu.edu.au/publications/series/terra-australis/  
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