



Valerie Lhuedé, pioneer architect and photographer, has herself been featured on ABC Australian Story. She owns the Private Town of Yerranderie, located in a remote Wilderness and World Heritage Area of the Southern Blue Mountains of NSW. She was awarded, in 1996, an AM (Australia Medal) for conservation work on the old Silver Mining Town.

While researching its heritage, she uncovered a fascinating story concerning the first white explorer to the area, Francis Luis Barrallier, a young Frenchman in the NSW Corps. In 1802, he was sent as an ambassador by Governor Philip Gidley King to the mountain Aborigines. They become characters in the book. Francis wrote a journal describing the Aboriginal people he met en route and their reactions to him.

He was a cartographer and became involved, with others, in the early mapping of the outline of Australia. Against the background of the English/French wars, these men and women criss-crossed the oceans in their tiny sailing ships, vying for dominance in the new world.

The book is a great adventure story for young and old. It is delightfully illustrated with maps and portraits of the day.

Photo courtesy Australian Geographic.

FRONT COVER

Rare Map from SLNSW – 1675 Pieter Goos and Joannes van Keulen. This Dutch map of the East Indies shows an outline of the position of Australia.



One hundred years after Barrallier's Expedition to Yerranderie, his "DREAMING" did come true! Some of the richest silver ore ever to be found in Australia was mined there, together with gold and a semi-precious jewel, a crystal of unusual clarity and hardness called a Hercoma Diamond.

Valerie's Dreaming is also coming true. For more information about Yerranderie's Blue Mountains World Heritage Visitor's Centre see www.yerranderie.com.

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YERRANDERIE is my DREAMING

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