Meet the Team
It’s been quite a while since our last newsletter and much has changed. We’ve had a full rotation of new staff come through. I, Tash, am in charge of photos and artefacts. There is Kayla on serials, Rebecca handles documents and miscellaneous with Rose-lee keeping us all on track. We also have Penny volunteering who is our queen of box-making.

New Storage Building
We finally have built our new storage building and have just finished the huge move. This took us about five months and there is still much to do in terms of organising and processing the backlog.

New face for AHC
The best part is that we have moved all of our collections to the new storage, excluding our high use material. In the last few years the Adventist Heritage Centre was becoming more and more claustrophobic as our collection grew. However now we have plenty of room, with a designated space for study and research as well as exhibits in the Centre itself.
New exhibits for SSIM
Similarly we have been spending the last few weeks sorting out the South Sea Island Museum. Now with room for storage there is the promise of quarterly exhibits on the horizon. We are all frantically working hard to get our first exhibit ready for the end of the month. The front room will be a permanent exhibit geographically themed with displays on Kiribati, PNG, Fiji, New Hebrides and others while the back room will be varying. Our first showcase is on the Solomon Islands and will be lasting until March. We hope many of you will be able to visit. ~ Tash

Documents
2013 was an interesting year for the AHC, especially in the areas I am engaged in. Many new documents were added to the collection, including letters, past evangelistic programs, diaries from past Avondale students and videos. However the most interesting thing in my area was the addition of an ‘Adventist history in the South Pacific’ link on our website. Information on the beginnings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Oceania can now be found directly from our website. More information and photos will be added this year. ~ Rebecca.

Volunteering at AHC
Finding articles, making boxes, loading and unloading cars and trailers, dismantling and reassembling compactus, setting up the storage centre for the Adventist Heritage Centre & South Sea Islands Museum and sorting memorabilia are some of the things I, Penny (Jill of all trades, master of none), have accomplished in the last year as a volunteer with the team in the Adventist Heritage Centre. Let’s see what happens this year! ~ Penny

100 Years Ago:
From the January 1914 issues of the ‘Australian Record’:

‘Wanted: “Single, middle aged man to tend bar; no drinker or cigarette smoker need apply.” This advertisement appeared in a daily paper. If liquor and tobacco are undesirable for a bartender, an occupation requiring perhaps as small amount of capacity or skill as any, they surely are unsuitable for one engaged in any of the higher
vocations of life. Think of using those things which unfit for even a bartender! This should serve as a hint, at least to the wise youth.’

Adventures in Serials
In the Adventist Heritage Centre we hold serials, journals, magazines and newsletters from all over the South Pacific Division. What I find interesting about this part of the job is seeing the huge array of ministries our Church is actively involved in. For example I learned recently West Australian church members ran the Karalundi Country Gospel Music Festival and witnessed Kalgoorlie singer Josie Boyle sing ‘Amazing Grace’ in the language of her people as well as the baptism of five students from Karalundi. Also in Tasmania, Hobart Pathfinder Club recently completed a camp in Maydena State Forrest. The Pathfinders explored waterfalls, built shelters, practiced fire lighting and were challenged to contemplate how everything either needs or contains water. How great it is to see our Church energetically participating in such a wide variety of opportunities to witness God. ~ Kayla

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Looking forward to an exciting 2014!

Your AHC Team

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