Adventist Heritage Centre

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College has again finished for another semester. While the campus is now quiet, life in the Adventist Heritage Centre continues to be busy, with incoming donations, new exhibitions and ongoing research. Just last week we received nine new display cases from the Powerhouse Museum. With a little restoration, these will be put into use soon.

Volunteers continue work on the restoration of the Andrew Stewart Plane. The wings have been sent off for undercoating, meaning we are one step closure to placing it on permanent display.

New Exhibition

This week we launch our new exhibition at the South Sea Islands Museum, Vessels of the South Pacific. Displays cover a range of the boats used in the Pacific Islands. These include traditional indigenous canoes, fishing gear and sea-life. Learn about the mutiny of the Bounty, the Pitcairn Island settlers, and the first Seventh-day Adventist mission boat, the Pitcairn, which followed. A number of mission boats are featured, including the Melanesia, the Devare and the Veilomani II. Learn too about the role of our ships during World War II. The exhibition will run for the next three months at the South Sea Islands Museum, located at 27 Avondale Road, Cooranbong NSW. Opening hours are Sat, Sun and Wed 2-4pm or by prior arrangement. Entry is free.

- Kayla
War Canoes in the Solomon Islands

Captain G.F. Jones and his wife, with Harry Tutty, leaving Sydney for the Solomon Islands aboard the ‘Melanesia’
100 Years Ago

The June 15, 1914 issue of the Australasian Record featured a variety of articles examining Seventh-day Adventist interaction with Judaism. Strong encouragement was given, for Jewish evangelism, especially through the circulation of F.G. Gilbert’s book ‘From Judaism to Christianity’. Recently, our curator Rose-lee Power, visited the deeply moving Sydney Jewish Museum. Our relations with the Jewish people continue to be important. This is highlighted in the poem that was published in the above issue of the 1914 Record:

Pray for the Jews
Scattered by God’s avenging hand
Afflicted and forlorn
Sad wanderers from their pleasant land
Do Judah’s children mourn;
And even in Christian countries, few
Breathe thoughts of pity toward the Jew

Yet listen, children – do you love
The Bible’s precious page?
Then let your hearts with kindness move
To Israel’s heritage;
Who traced those lines of love for you
Each sacred writer was a Jew

And when the Redeemer cam
For guilty man to bleed,
He did not take an angel’s name;
No, - born of Abraham’s seed
Jesus, who gave His life for your
The gentle Saviour was a Jew!

Go then, and bend the knee to pray
For Israel’s ancient race:
Ask the dear Savour every day
To call them by His grace
Go – for a wealth of love is due
From Christian children to the Jew!

Mystery Photo
Do you know who these people are? (left to right)
When it was taken?
Where it was taken?
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