Adventist Heritage Centre

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Photo Shoot at the Adventist Heritage Centre

Late last year we received a request to for a photograph of a young warrior from the Enga Province in Papua New Guinea to be published on the cover of novel about a boy from this region. With many of the PNG photographs not being identified, this task proved impossible. The next best thing – to do our own photo shoot using the traditional dress we have here in the Centre!

Last week we went to our storage facility with a man from the Enga Province who was able to identify grass skirts, arm bands, spears and bows from the region. Then came the excitement of finding the huge head piece made from real human hair.

Our artefacts were used to dress a local boy from the Enga Province. Baby oil and charcoal were used to look like pigs fat. The boy posed fiercely with the spears and other weapons. All up the photo shoot appeared to be successful, and hopefully one of the photographs will make it on to the novel’s cover. Now we wait and to see what Pacific Press will do!

Exhibits South Sea Islands Museum

The new exhibit at the South Sea Islands Museum featuring Papua New Guinea has been postponed until later in the year. This means our new exhibition Stories of War will coincide with the commemoration of 100 Years since Gallipoli in April.
Our current exhibit, *Spreading the Gospel*, features the communication of the gospel around Australia and the Pacific Islands using everything from print media through to satellite. *Spreading the Gospel* will be available to view until the end of March. The South Sea Islands Museum is located at 27 Avondale Road, Cooranbong, and is open Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday between 2-4pm, or by prior arrangement. Entry is by donation.

**Exhibits at the Adventist Heritage Centre**

Currently on display at the Adventist Heritage Centre we have on display our AHC ‘Print’ *Treasures*. This exhibit features a small sample of the precious and sometimes rare documents and books we hold here in the Adventist Heritage Centre.

Upcoming exhibits later this year:

- March – June: Emerging Science in Medicine (Coincides with a Mini-conference being held at Avondale College in March entitled *Changing Attitudes to Science Within Adventist Health and Medical Practice from 1864 – 2015*)
- July – October: The Sabbath Question

The Adventist Heritage Centre is located on the lower floor of the Avondale College Library and is open to visit Monday – Thursday, between 1 - 4.15pm or by prior arrangement.

**New Museum/Centre**

We are slowly progressing with building plans for a new Centre that will exhibit the South Sea Islands Museum collection plus much more. As to a name for the Centre, that is proving challenging but progress is being made in that area also. For those who may not have heard, the site for the new Centre will be in the paddock on the opposite side of the road to the old Avondale College dairy/silos. More details will following in upcoming newsletters.

**100 Years Ago**

Here is a thought from a February 1915 issue of the Australasian Record, entitled ‘Answer for Yourself’. Still relevant today, this small devotional considers the importance of the roles each individual contributes to the body of Christ, while challenging how one actively participates in church life.

“‘What kind of church would our church be, if every member were just like me?’ Such a church might please me, but would it please the Master? Would all be present at the prayer meeting and business
meeting? How about the Sabbath school? Would reverence for the house of God characterise the worshippers? Would visitors feel welcome? ‘Just like me.’ How about the Lord’s tithe? Would each member’s name appear regularly in the treasurer’s book, or simple in the clerk’s book? Would all take our church paper, the RECORD? How about the little details of life? What would the unconverted say of such a church? Let each one answer for himself: ‘What kind of church would our church be, if every member were just like me?’”

**Mystery History**

Do you recognise the location of this photo? The only information we have is that it was taken in 1919. If you or someone you know can identify the place this photograph was taken, please contact the Adventist Heritage Centre by emailing heritage@avondale.edu.au or by phoning us on (02) 4980 2313.

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