Adventist Heritage Centre

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Biographical Heritage

Do you have a passion for history? We need people like you who can contribute to an “Oceanic Adventist Heritage” database of deceased Oceanic Adventists workers. Let us share the stories of those who have made a difference. We can supply names if you need any.

*We will need the following if possible:*

1. **Full name of the Person:**
2. **Date Born:**
3. **Date Died:**
4. **Buried where:** Cemetery and plot number if known
5. **Life story:** (Word count for each person/grave: 200 – 300)
   a. Born where and/or came to area they are now buried at when and how?
   b. Grew up where?
   c. Did what – career, marriage, children, attended which church, etc.?
   d. What did they do that was very significant/ what were they known for?
   b. Died when & description of special features of the head stone/grave site?
   c. References: where was the information sourced from/who wrote the information
6. **Pictures** relating to name of person/s buried: any of the following: Grave, portrait, family photo, funeral, relative caring for the grave, local Cooranbong house they lived in.

Please email responses to heritage@avondale.edu.au.
**Renovations at the SSIM**

Some changes have occurred at the South Sea Islands Museum. The floor in the back room has been painted, with plans to paint the front next month. The front brick wall has been knocked down, so the building appears the same wood walls the same on all sides. A new driveway has also been laid in the complex, located alongside Sunnyside Historical Home, with compounded sand and river rock now replacing the loose pebbles.

The South Sea Islands Museum located at 27 Avondale Road, Cooranbong, and is open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 2-4pm, or by appointment. Entry is by donation. For more information contact the Adventist Heritage Centre at (02) 4980 2313 or email [heritage@avondale.edu.au](mailto:heritage@avondale.edu.au).

**Donations to AHC – Last Month**

The Adventist Heritage Centre has recently received a number of new donations to our collection:

- George Burnside Collection, including scrapbooks, sermons, Bible study notes, radio talks and miscellaneous notes

- Roberta-Mae Johanson, Collection of Robert Hare worships

- Early CHIP publications, songbooks, guidelines and manuals

- Gibson Collection of Harris Pine Mills

**Proposed new museum**

Plans for the new museum are progressing slowly. We are now working towards a new business plan and would like to include comments from our e-newsletter readers. So if you would like to add your voice to helping us further the need for a new Oceanic Art and Cultural Museum, please email us your words of wisdom.

Our email address is [heritage@avondale.edu.au](mailto:heritage@avondale.edu.au). Our postal address is: Adventist Heritage Centre, PO Box 19, Cooranbong, NSW 2265, Australia.

This new facility could exhibit: South Sea Island history, Oceanic objects collected by missionaries and workers, history of Christianity and our church, Biblical archaeology (OT & NT), local history, Sanitarium/health message, Adventist education system, Missionary aviation, Christian art, Pathfinder/youth & children’s ministries, and more.

Please tell us why you think a new museum/visitor centre/front face to the church should happen. We look forward to hearing from each and every one of you.

**Kristallnacht**
William Cooper was an Australian Aboriginal activist who protested the cruel treatment of the Jewish people in Nazi Germany in the late 1930s. While his petition was not accepted, Cooper was recognised with the planting of 70 Australian trees at Yad Vashem, a memorial in Jerusalem. To read more go to: http://us10.campaign-archive1.com/?u=e4038f470fc2f26f9d5306478&id=f72731b4fc&e=88a71d0fbd

100 Years Ago

A report was given in the 14th of June, 1915 issue of the Australasian Record on the church’s work with the Aboriginal people in Kempsey. A lot of these people were addicted to tobacco; however, one 60 year old woman in the community was not. They inquired her reason why, and included her response.

“I found Jesus, and began to know God, and wanted to be sure He would save me in heaven, but the way was not so clear as I wanted it to be. I did not know what was wrong. One night I dreamed. I was trying hard to look up to heaven, and could see nothing but smoke – smoke everywhere. At last I saw that it all came from my own mouth. I awoke frightened. God showed me that tobacco was no good. In the morning I told my husband, and we burned our pipes and tobacco. God blessed me; and now you come with the truth and I see better, and I know God better and better every day, and am not afraid. He looks after me all the time”.

Weet-Bix

A poem by Robert B. Hare

I am your friend the Weet-Bix,
Without a doubt a name of fame,
I’m a product of Australia
In the form of golden grain,
I aid your healthful living,
Though I appear so plain
My flavour is delightful,
With much aids to you taste
Maybe milk or fruit or honey,
Or perhaps butter and some dates
I’m you friend for all occasions,
I’m so easy to prepare,
So keep me in your cupboard,
You can use me anywhere
A large, rusted object was recently discovered next to Dora Creek after the recent floods in Cooranbong. The item was found downstream from the bridge on Freemans Drive. The object has been donated to the Adventist Heritage Centre as part of local history. Could it be part of the machinery or a grinder from the Sanatarium Health Food Factory?

If you recognise this object, or know anyone who might have any information about what it is, please contact the Adventist Heritage Centre on (02) 4980 2313 or email us at heritage@avondale.edu.au.
We received a number of responses from the Newsletter last month, with suggestions that the Mystery Photo was Longburn Adventist College, rather than Carmel College. Any information you can contribute to our collection is greatly appreciated.

Do you recognise the people in this photograph (left to right, front to back)?
Do you know who this group is and where the photo was taken?
Can you name the year this photograph was taken?
If yes, please email the Adventist Heritage Centre at heritage@avondale.edu.au.

If you have any comments or questions:

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