New Exhibit at the SSIM

This month we have launched our new exhibition at the South Sea Islands Museum on Treasures of the Museum. The exhibit explores the role of archives in telling the stories of communities, and showcases some of the unique items belonging to our collection. This will be the first time many of these items have been exhibited.

Treasures of the Museum includes displays on culture and art, including baskets, necklaces and billums, as well as snapshots of particular people, including Eric Were, Robert Hare, and Russel Kranz. Treasures of the Museum will be on display for the next three months, with opening hours between 2-4pm, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, or by appointment. The South Sea Islands Museum is located at 27 Avondale Road, Cooranbong, and entry is by donation. For more information contact the Adventist Heritage Centre via email at heritage@avondale.edu.au or by phone at (02) 4980 2313.

New Donations

- Pallet of 16mm ‘Faith for Today’ films, from Pitcairn via New Zealand
- Dr Currie collection, including shell money and a very significant Malatia club (given away at his baptism, to show he now had a new master, Jesus Christ))
- Dr Barry Wright collection, background notes to his PhD, plus documents on Brisbane Adventist High School, Mountain View School, and Sydney Adventist College

Request for Information

We recently received an email requesting information about “Alisi Topusi” who was fostered by a returning missionary from Tonga at the age of 9, and lived in Australia as an Adventist until she died around 1979. We
have no record of which missionary took her home, or what name she used in Australia, likely to be Alice or Alisia. The estimated year she left Tonga was 1911-18. The family would like to know where she is now buried, and would like to consider repatriating her bones to their family cemetery. If you have any information, or know someone who does, please contact us at heritage@avondale.edu.au.

100 Years Ago

News from the Australasian Record in September 1915

- A Health Food Exhibit was held at the Brisbane Show, a major achievement for the church
- Australasian Missionary College (now Avondale College of Higher Education) fees were arranged so that parents and prospective students may anticipate the costs, without the fees being placed too low!
- Monamona Mission (Qld, now closed) had developed to include a mission house, dormitory, nine smaller houses, and twelve improvised temporary huts
- In PNG, Pr A.N. Lawson had the opportunity to meet with Iyama Girido and Mavara, convicted murderers of Harry Ballot, and speak to him about the forgiveness of God before his execution
- Arrangements were being made to publish a Temperance Annual for Australasia in magazine form, to sell at sixpence a copy. This magazine was said to be ready for circulation in December, and saleable throughout the coming year. It would be a 1916 Temperance Annual. (*We have not seen this publication have you?*)
- The annual camp-meeting of the Queensland Conference would be held at Wynnum South from September 16 to 26.
- PRESIDENT WILSON and some of his leading officials at the United States capital had recently subscribed for the book, "Bible Readings for the Home Circle."
- IN 1886 the number of believers in all the world was twenty-three thousand. To-day (Sept. 1915) we have that number of young people in our schools.
- Let every Seventh-day Adventist rally to the next camp meeting. No one knows what disasters may overtake our land before the time for another annual camp-meeting. Signed: E. H. GATES.

Wise words; “As we must render an account of every idle word, so must we likewise of our idle silence.”

Mystery Photograph
Do you recognise the people in the photo? Can you name from left to right? Do you know where it was taken, or the event it was taken at? Can you name the year? If so, please email your response to heritage@avondale.edu.au.

If you have any comments or questions:

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