

South Sea Islander & Australian Reflections on 'Blackbirding' EXHIBITION and FORUM



Hawke Centre, University of South Australia, North Terrace, Adelaide

Recruiting labourers from the South Sea Islands, 1892, W T Warm, watercolour, 1892

EXHIBITION : MONDAY 30 APRIL - FRIDAY 18 MAY 10am-4pm

KERRY PACKER CIVIC GALLERY North Terrace, Adelaide

Recommended for secondary students

This exhibition reflects on the 19th Century 'labour traffic' (known as 'blackbirding') of South Sea Islanders by colonial powers to cotton and sugar plantations in Australia, Fiji, Samoa, and even Peru. Approximately 60,000 were 'recruited' to Queensland, often by deception or force - about 25% died.

The exhibition, includes

- digitally layered historical images and texts
- 12 history banners, historic & contemporary artifacts, photographs, song and videos
- archival documents, 'letters to ancestry', Parliamentary recognition
- creative writing and artwork including collaborative work by Islander & non-Islander students
some works exhibited in Queensland (2013) in the 150th 'Blackbirding' commemorations, Fiji (2014), Vanuatu (2015)

School visits welcome. May 7-11, 14-18 between 10am-3.30pm

Bookings: phone Renee Jolly, The Hawke Centre 8302 0371

a guide will be present to assist school groups

FORUM: THURSDAY 3 MAY 6.00PM - 7.30PM

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Recommended for teachers and senior secondary students

Speakers include Chief Richard Fandanumata from Vanuatu,
Emelda Davis, President Australian South Sea Islanders Port Jackson NSW
Tukini Tavui, President South Pacific Islander Community SA

The Forum highlights the contributions that Island workers made to the economy and infrastructure, the experiences of descendants of Island workers who stayed (Australian South Sea Islanders), descendants of Australian Aboriginals taken back to the Islands as children or wives, the life of seasonal Island workers in Australia today.

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