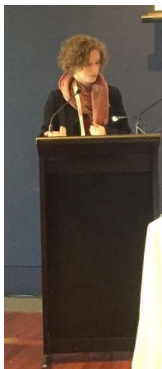


## MUSEUM UPDATE

### **Museum presentation at the AMaGA conference**

The *Australian Museums and Galleries Association* (AMaGA) held their national conference from the 7-11 June this year with the theme 'Creating the Future: Trust, Diversity, and Imagination'. The conference had been delayed twelve months due to Covid unrest.



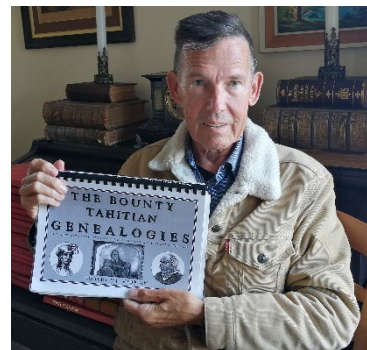
Bethany Holland, the museum's collections officer flew to Canberra to attend the conference. She also presented a lightening talk on the Regional Remote and Community Museum Day about the Norfolk Island Museum. Her 10 minute presentation provided information on the museum's school holiday program, volunteer program and temporary exhibitions and their impact



on community engagement and trust. Many conversations about Norfolk Island's amazing history were able to take place! Thank you to Janelle Blucher, who was representing the Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre, for the images.

### **Large donation to the Norfolk Island Museum Trust Collection**

The museum is excited to announce the arrival of over 12 boxes of donated photographs, archaeology workbooks, excavation reports and artefacts from Dr Robert Varman. Robert is now retired, he worked as the archaeologist on Norfolk Island in the 1980s. Much of the early archaeology reports on KAVHA were completed by Varman and he was a guiding force in the formation of the early museums at Kingston. As well as working with many locals in the archaeological, he also produced important works such as 'The Bounty Tahitian Genealogies'.



Varman's artefacts and documents will join the *Norfolk Island Museum Trust* collection and already promises to contain a treasure trove of information about life in Kingston during 1980s when the restoration period was underway. A sincere thank you to Robert for his generosity and time. The Museum would also like to thank Margaret Christian and Bethany Holland for ferrying additional items back to Norfolk.

### **Winners announced for Museum's School Holiday Program**

The museum is proud to announce the winners of the June/July school holiday drawing competition are Erin, Alyssa and Immi.

While completing the activity booklet this holidays, children were encouraged to draw a depiction of what the Polynesian settlement looked like at Emily bay after viewing artefacts in the museum.

A big thank you to all the participants, the entries were of such high quality it was hard to select winners. Staff are already planning next holiday's activities so remember to keep an eye out for our new activity sheets in September. If you can't wait until the next school holidays, drop in during our opening times as all children and locals have free entry to the museum.



Winner competition entry by Immi



Winner competition entry by Erin



Winner competition entry by Alyssa

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