

# Memories from a Forgotten People

150 Years of Australian South Sea Islander contributions to Queensland

Anniversary weekend  
16–18 August 2013

Join us in recognising this important anniversary. Enjoy workshops, discussions, tours and music at the Cultural Centre, South Bank.

Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA)  
State Library of Queensland (SLQ)  
Queensland Museum (QM)

## Friday 16 August

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10–5	<b>Exhibition – ‘Sugar’</b> ‘Sugar’ reflects on the history of the industry that first brought South Sea Islanders to this country with historical photographs as well as recorded stories and music from contemporary Australian South Sea Islanders exploring these histories as well as their experiences today. FREE	QAG Gallery 5
10–5	<b>Exhibition – ‘The Australian South Sea Islanders’</b> Part of the ASSI 150 SEQ Commemorative Program, this exhibition reveals the hidden and difficult stories of Australian South Sea Islanders in Queensland and showcases a resilient and vibrant community today using contemporary and historical art and artefacts, photographs, and storytelling. FREE	SLQ The Studio
10–5	<b>Activity Program – Marking the Mango Tree</b> Explore more than 100 Australian South Sea Islander objects with behind-the-scenes tours and interactive installations. FREE	QM The Inventory
6–7	<b>Seminar – ‘Blackbirding, South Sea Islanders and seasonal workers: Historical Memory and contemporary justice across the Pacific’</b> Featuring The Hon. Ralph Regenvanu, Minister for Lands, Geology and Mines, Republic of Vanuatu and Nic Maclellan, journalist and researcher in the Pacific islands. Chaired by Sean Dorney, Pacific correspondent, Australia Network. FREE. Bookings essential. Contact Natasha Vary, n.vary@griffith.edu.au / 3735 7624	GOMA Cinema B

## Saturday 17 August

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10–3	<b>Symposium – ‘A Time for Telling’</b> Australian South Sea Islanders have a unique identity and heritage that has been enriching Queensland’s cultural diversity for 150 years. 2013 marks a time for telling and sharing memories, stories, and ideas. Join in a compelling conversation with Australian South Sea Islanders about their remarkable history and contemporary identity. FREE. Bookings essential slqeventbrite.com / 3840 7768	SLQ Auditorium 1
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3.30–4.30	<b>Community afternoon tea and performance event – ‘Slava Land’</b> Enjoy a special performance — including the composition Slava Land — by two renowned musicians, Australian South Sea Islander singer–songwriter Georgia Corowa and Ni-Vanuatu singer–songwriter Mars Melto. FREE	QAG

## Sunday 18 August

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10–11	<b>Tour – Behind the scenes, Cultural Environments</b> A guided tour of the Queensland Museum collections store to discover Australian South Sea Islander historical treasures. TICKETED EVENT. Bookings essential. Phone 3840 7555 to book. Tickets: Adults \$35, Children \$15 (Aged 7-15).	QM Level 3
11–12.30	<b>Australian South Sea Islander Research Discovery Workshop and White Gloves Experience</b> Be part of a hands-on workshop to discover and engage with Australian South Sea Islander heritage resources, including manuscripts, books, and photographs held in John Oxley Library. FREE	SLQ John Oxley Library Reading Room
2.45–3.45	<b>Discussion – From the Curator’s Desk</b> Join the curators behind ‘Memories from a Forgotten People’ in an intimate conversation about creating a place for Australian South Sea Islanders here in the precinct during this significant commemoration. Hear about who they met and what they learned on their journey of sharing the memories and recording the experiences of Australian South Sea Islanders for future generations. FREE	QM The Inventory
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