



Randwick & District Historical Society Inc

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Introduction

The Randwick & District Historical Society plan to mount a Sestercentennial Exhibition of James Cook memorabilia to commemorate his landing in Botany Bay on 29 April 1770 and his visit to our Randwick shores on this very day.

Issues

The Society has previously funded the purchase of four new display cabinets at the cost of \$11,572.00. This leaves us with two old timber cabinets which were made by students at Randwick TAFE many years ago. These timber cabinets have warped and caused a mould infestation threat to items on display. By replacing these unsuitable cabinets with new ones at a cost of \$8,756.00 plus electrical wiring our exhibition space would be in line with modern safety display standards.

We request funding from Randwick City Council to achieve this.

Our intention is to dedicate the first cabinet to the First Nation Peoples. The second will feature Cook's arrival and his subsequent voyage up the East Coast of Australia. The other four cabinets will display our excellent collection of facsimiles of Cook's Journal, Maps & Plans, Art Works, Photographs, Books, Memorabilia, Souvenirs etc.

At the conclusion of this exhibition the cabinets will house Randwick City Council artefacts which are presently in storage at our Heritage Centre, making them available for viewing by the community.

Conclusion

In order to suitably mount this exhibition relevant to Cook's arrival and his visit to our Randwick shores on 29 April 1770 immediately after visiting Kurnell.

Our recent success in receiving the Australia Day Mayor's Award for outstanding service to the community has challenged and inspired us to continue and enhance this voluntary service to the community.

Margot Phillips