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Greetings from the Macmillan Brown Centre.

Our **1994 Research Scholars** are arriving and taking up residence in the Centre and in related departments.

Dr **Raeburn Lange** arrived from Pacific Theological College in Suva and will be working on Pacific History. His research topic is "The Emergence and Development of an Indigenous Christian Ministry and Priesthood in the Pacific Islands".

Dr **Samson Polume** is an economist who has served as Advisor on Mineral Policy during the period when Rt. Hon Rabbie Namaliu was Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea. He will be working on "Maximising Benefits from Resource Development: Lessons for Papua New Guinea and Island Economies".

Dr **Judith Bennett** is editing an autobiography of Sir Maepeza Gina, the first Speaker of the Parliament of the Solomons, and doing research on the Forest History of the Solomon Islands. Judith who is a Lecturer in History at Otago University will take up residence here at the end of February.

Dr **William Clarke** has been Professor of Geography in Papua New Guinea, Melbourne and the University of the South Pacific. He is currently working on a Agroforestry, indigenous knowledge and sustainable development in the Pacific and will be in the Centre from February.

Professor **Patrick Morrow** from Auburn University will visit the Centre and the English Department from 15 April to late May. He will be collecting information on Polynesian writers resident in New Zealand. Patrick comes as an Honorary Visiting Fellow.

Professor **Kimitada Miwa** and Mrs Emiko Miwa from Sophia University will visit the Centre from March 9th to 14th. Professor Miwa is visiting a number of Pacific Island nations in the course of his research into New Zealand and Japan relations and Pacific Island States.

Mr **Don Couch**, from Canada, is now scheduled to arrive in the second half of 1994 and the visit by Dr **Elizabeth Wood Ellem** will be timetabled for 1995. Don's interest is in the role of Maori Language Education in the re-development of human resources. Elizabeth is writing a biography of Queen Salote Tupou III of Tonga.

Dr **Howard Van Trease** left the Centre in January to take up the position of Director with the University of the South Pacific (USP Centre) in Nauru. Copies of Howard's book on Atoll Politics in Kiribati are available from both the Macmillan Brown Centre and the Institute of Pacific Studies in Suva. Howard's book on Politics in Vanuatu is due to be published early this year and will be available in French and English.

Relationships between the Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies and the Macmillan Brown Library have been strengthened now that both are located together on the seventh floor of the Library Tower. **Max Broadbent** is Macmillan Brown Librarian (in charge), **Philip Jane** is Information Services Librarian and Ms **Alison McIntyre** is Senior Library Assistant.

Congratulations to Mrs **Rangi Oberg** who was awarded a Womens' Suffrage Year Medal for services to the Cook Island Community and to the community at large. The award was made at Rehua Marae by Mrs Lianne Dalzell M.P. Rangi serves on the Advisory Board as a representative of the Pacific Communities in Christchurch.

Dr **Ian Campbell** completed his term on the Advisory Board in June, 1993. He has been replaced by Dr Denis Dutton of the School of Fine Arts.

Conferences

X Pacific History Association Conference 1994 (11-15 July, 1994)

The theme of the conference will be "Towards 2000: Continuity Challenges and Constraints" and the venue will be Tarawa in the Republic of Kiribati. Panel themes will include: Cross Culture Approaches to Biography; Labour Migration; Pacific History; Kiribati History.

For further information contact: Sr. Alaima Talu, P O Box 20, Bairiki, Republic of Kiribati, Phone (686) 21213 Fax (686) 21269

Ecopolitics VIII : Pacific Visions (8 - 10 July, 1994)

Lincoln University will host the next Conference on Environmental Politics. The theme will be "Pacific Visions. The aim is to provide a forum for Pacific Peoples to meet and present their environmental visions.

Further information : Betty Shore, Lincoln University, Canterbury, New Zealand
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Visiting Research Scholars Programme

The Research and Visiting Scholars Programme will continue annually. Applications are called for each year and the closing date for 1995 Awards will be 30th June, 1994. Further information will be available from; Mrs Kate Scott, Secretary, Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies
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As we go to press we have news that Mr **Ueantabo Neemia Mackenzie** from Kiribati and the Institute of Pacific Studies in Suva has accepted appointment as the next Director of the Macmillan Brown Centre. Ueantabo has published widely on the politics of the South Pacific and is currently completing his Ph.D with the University of Wollongong.

Dr **Malama Meleisea**, is now well established as Director of the Centre for Pacific Studies at the University of Auckland. Dr **Garth Cant**, formerly of the Department of Geography at the University of Canterbury has been appointed Acting Director until Ueantabo arrives later in 1994.