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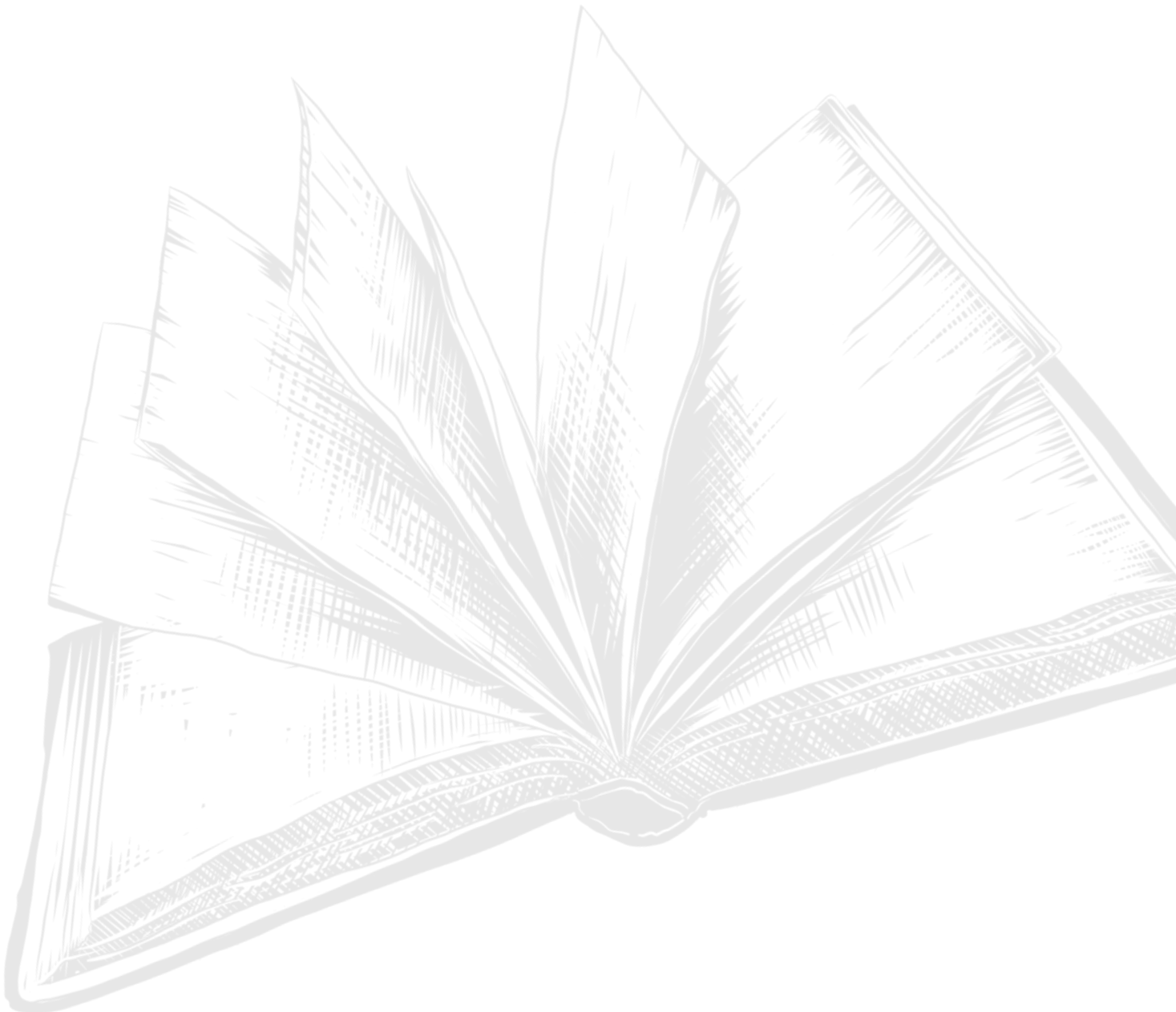
Faith Museums

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SUMMARY

This issue of INSITE contains articles about collections and exhibitions that address specific faiths. Below is a list of the issue's contents and associated links. To get a copy you can contact our office or via our website.



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Cover:

The Golden Dragon Museum's Kuan Yin (Guan Yin) Temple was built to honour the Goddess of Mercy. Guan Yin is the most popular goddess associated with Buddhism in many Asian countries. She is worshipped as the protector of families and the household, especially women and children. The Golden Dragon Museum and the Guan Yin Temple are located at 1-11 Bridge Street, Bendigo and the temple is open to worshippers and the general public daily.

Cover Image photo of the Guan Yin Temple, courtesy of Richard Gibbs.

<http://www.goldendragonmuseum.org>

Editorial

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-11-09/church-for-atheists-comes-to-australia/5080996>

The British Museum's online Faith Tour: <http://tinyurl.com/k277avf>

Nerissa Broben, Koorie Heritage Trust (page 2)

Identity and Connections

Nerissa Broben speaks with Jim Berg about the establishment of the Koorie Heritage Trust and the role of their collection as a point of connection to ancestors, to culture, identity and even joy.

www.koorieheritagetrust.com

Lauren Ellis and Emily Kocaj, Museum Victoria (page 3)

Expressing Faith at the Immigration Museum

The Immigration Museum is currently showing the Faith, Fashion, Fusion: Muslim Women's Style in Australia exhibition that explores Muslim expressions of faith. Lauren Ellis and Emily Kocaj explain the challenge of programming activities and events to complement the exhibition that also reflected the diversity of Muslim culture and expressions of faith.

<http://museumvictoria.com.au/immigrationmuseum>

Leigh Mckinnon, Golden Dragon Museum (page 4)

A Temple in Our Museum

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The Guan Yin temple is part of the Golden Dragon Museum's precinct and has a unique role in Bendigo's community. Leigh McKinnon explains its origins and the role it has today.

<http://www.goldendragonmuseum.org>

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Anisa Buckley, Islamic Museum Of Australia (page 5)

The Islamic Museum of Australia

After nearly four years in development the Islamic Museum of Australia opened in March 2014. Anisa Buckley tells us what inspired the founding of the Museum and what it contains.

<http://www.islamicmuseum.org.au>

Jean Reid, The Bible Museum (page 6)

A Book of Faith

The Bible Museum has Australia's largest private collection of Bibles and related artefacts. Ellen Reid began collecting Bibles in 1981 and in 2009 she and her daughter Jean opened the collection to the public.

www.thebiblemuseum.com.au

An Interview with Rebecca Forgasz (Page 7)

The Jewish Museum of Australia

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The Jewish Museum of Australia was established in 1982. Rebecca Forgasz spoke to INSITE about how the Museum explores Jewish history and traditions for all of their visitors.

<http://www.jewishmuseum.com.au>

Award Winners Receive their Prizes (Page 9)

Burrinja Cultural Centre and Charlton Golden Grains Museum were the prize-winners at the 2013 Victorian Museum Awards. They have placed their orders and received display cabinets and conservation materials with a total value of \$5000.

www.tashcosystems.com.au

www.archivalsurvival.com.au

Program Developments (Page 10)

Victorian Collections relaunches with a visually appealing and user-friendly interface

www.victoriancollections.net.au

The Roving Curator-Exhibitions Program is new initiative developed by Museums Australia (Victoria) to support and improve museum sector exhibition activity in Victoria.

<http://www.mavic.asn.au>

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An Interview With Mia Ridge (Page 11)

Maker Spaces and Museums

Mia Ridge was a keynote speaker at the recent VALA conference in Melbourne to talk about bringing maker culture to cultural organisations. She spoke to INSITE about how technologies are creating audiences who are interested in what museums can share with them.

<http://openobjects.blogspot.com>

<http://www.vala.org.au/conferences/vala2014>

<http://museumscomputergroup.org.uk>

Bridget Forbes, MA (Vic) (Page 13)

2013 Wrap

A recap of the events: The End of the Year celebration and the Rough Guide to Audio Guides and Smart Phone Apps seminar.

<http://www.mavic.asn.au/events>

<http://www.mavic.asn.au/resources/presentations>

The Digital and Emerging Technologies Team Museum Victoria (Page 13)

Apps & Online

Hemingway

<http://www.hemingwayapp.com>

Virtual Volunteering

<http://www.virtualvolunteering.com.au/volunteer>

<http://www.carnamah.com.au>

Operation War Diary

<http://www.operationwardiary.org>

TATE IK Prize

<http://www.tate.org.uk/about/projects/ik-prize/ik-prize-2014>

Wellcome Images

<http://wellcomeimages.org>

<http://publicdomainreview.org/2014/01/20/selection-from-wellcome-librarys-release-of-100k-openly-licensed-images>

Royal BC Museum, Curious Quarterly

<http://curious.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca>

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Museum News (page 14)

Coming up at the Ballarat Art Gallery

<http://www.artgalleryofballarat.com.au>

Victoria's Multicultural Award

<http://tinyurl.com/mng9rl6>

Vietnam Veterans conference

<https://www.vietnamvetsmuseum.org>

ICOM-CC conference in Melbourne

<http://www.icom-cc2014.org/default.aspx>

Islamic Museum opens

<http://www.islamicmuseum.org.au>

Community Heritage Grants open

<http://www.nla.gov.au/chg>

Milestones

<http://www.jhc.org.au>

<http://www.surfworld.org.au>

<http://www.heide.com.au>

Yackandandah's New Storage Facility

<http://yackandandahmuseum.wordpress.com>

Bendigo extension opening

<http://www.bendigoartgallery.com.au/Home>

Australian Heritage Week

<http://heritage-week.govspace.gov.au>

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Creswick Museum exhibition

<http://www.creswickmuseum.org.au>

Laura Miles, Museums Australia (Victoria) (page 16)

Branch News: Happy New year!

www.mavic.asn.au/events

www.mavic.asn.au/stateconference

NEW Roving Curator Program

www.mavic.asn.au

Victorian Collections

www.victoriancollections.net.au

Online Resources

<http://www.mavic.asn.au/resources/practical-training>