

# YOU ARE INVITED TO A BOOK LAUNCH

With

Author **Barbara Miller**

2-4 PM THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2014

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Cnr North Tce & Kintore Ave, Adelaide

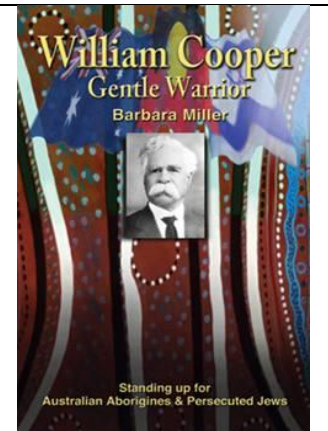
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*The book "William Cooper, Gentle Warrior: Standing Up for Aboriginal Australians and Persecuted Jews" will also be available*



## FOR THE FIRST TIME THE TRUE STORY OF THE FIRST EUROPEANS TO AUSTRALIA IS TOLD IN ONE BOOK!!!

Led by Janszoon, the Dutch on the *Duyfken* were the first Europeans to land in Australia in Cape York Queensland. Six months after Janszoon, Torres, a Spaniard, second in command to Quiros, was the first European to the Torres Strait. De Quiros made a prophetic declaration from Vanuatu over the South Lands of the Pacific that they would be the South Lands of the Holy Spirit. All these events were in 1606, 164 years before Captain Cook. This new book also covers reconciliation events with the Dutch and Spanish for the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2006 in Australia, Vanuatu and PNG. All this is put in the context of world history and explorer-Indigenous contacts. It is a tale of adventure and intrigue but is also a true story, well researched and an eye-opener.

See [www.barbara-miller-books.com](http://www.barbara-miller-books.com).

In a tale of drama and suspense, the true story of the quest to find the Unknown South Land - Terra Australis Incognita is told. It has fascinated people since ancient times.

Many Australians were taught Englishman James Cook discovered Australia but Cook came 164 years later than the Dutch and Spanish explorers. The Indigenous people were there from time immemorial. Quiros thought he'd discovered the south land when he landed at today's Vanuatu. Torres continued and found the Torres Strait separated New Guinea from the south land. Despite all the passion of the Spanish quest, the Dutch under Janszoon beat Torres to Australia by about six months in 1606. They had deadly encounters with the Aboriginal people of western Cape York, Queensland.

Barbara Miller is married to Norman, an Aboriginal Australian. They live in Cairns, Australia with son Michael. Her recent book "William Cooper, Gentle Warrior: Standing Up for Australian Aborigines and Persecuted Jews" has been widely acclaimed. Barbara is a pastor, mediator, psychologist, sociologist and teacher with an active interest in social justice.

"This is a highly insightful coverage of the main historical characters in the early European exploration of the South West Pacific, a topic which is virtually unknown to most Australians. Miller deftly contextualises the men: Quiros ('the Don Quixote of the South sea'), Torres and Janszoon with their voyages in the 16th and 17th centuries. Similarly, she places the actions of these adventurers in the context of the respective Indigenous responses to contact: from the Wik at Aurukun and the Tungundji and others around (Old) Mapoon on the west coast of Cape York Peninsula, to the descendants at Big Bay on Vanuatu and other Melanesian groups, the author brings the reader up-to-date with the reconciliation process and the Indigenous perspective on these early European contacts. This is a valuable contribution to not only understanding Australian history, but is also relevant to the Islands of Melanesia, Papua New Guinea and Indonesia."

Dr Timothy Bottoms, author of Conspiracy of Silence - Queensland's Frontier killing (Ames & Unwin 2013)

...I take possession of all this part of the south as far as the pole in the name of Jesus- which from now on shall be called The Southern Land of the Holy Spirit ...  
Captain Pedro Fernandez de Quiros 1606

THE EUROPEAN QUEST To Find TERRA AUSTRALIS INCOGNITA: Quiros, Torres and Janszoon  
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