VITRINES
1. Navigation and the Pacific
2. Population History of the South Pacific
3. Captain James Cook and Sir Joseph Banks
4. Scholarship on Exploration and the Pacific

WALLS
A selection of framed prints from Banks’ Florilegium (1980) from the Hocken Collections
A selection of Pacific Maps from the Hocken Collections
A selection of images from Albert Étienne de Montémont’s Voyages Autour du Monde (Paris: J. Bry Ainé, 1853). Hocken Oversize G463.VZ33 1853

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On 28 November 1520, Magellan sailed through the straits that would bear his name into the great expansive waters he dubbed ‘Mar Pacifico’. His venture opened up the exploration of the southern seas, a vast tract of water with numerous islands dotted about, most uncharted. Politically and commercially driven expeditions then began that put shape to continents and the (re-) discovery of these islands. Notable first explorers included Mendana de Neira, Sir Francis Drake, Abel Tasman, William Dampier, Samuel Wallis and Philip Carteret; the latter two discovering Tahiti and Pitcairn respectively.

Scientific expeditions began with Bougainville and Cook, each aided by the improvements in navigational equipment, and with institutional backing that employed a full contingent of artists, draughtsmen and botanists to help record and collect. Cook travelled hundreds of miles throughout the Pacific in the course of his three voyages. By the time of his death in 1779, the map of the Pacific was practically as it is now. It is no wonder that La Pérouse (1785) once said: ‘Cook had left me nothing but to admire.’

Other voyages of exploration then followed, including those commanded by Malaspina (1789), d’Entrecasteaux (1791), Kotzebue (1815-18; 1825-26), Freycinet (1817-20), Dumont d’Urville, and the later United States Exploring Expedition.

The exhibition ‘Charting the Land on the Ocean: Pacific Exploration, 1520-1876’ features books and maps found in the Hocken Collections, the Science Library and Special Collections, University of Otago. Although the exhibition is by necessity selective, three goals are paramount: to highlight through their publications the brave endeavours of these explorers; to reveal the steady charting of the Pacific; and to remind everyone that these resources do exist, and can be viewed, touched, read, and enjoyed.

### ITEMS ON DISPLAY

**CABINET 1 (LARGE): UNCHARTED UNKNOWN**


**CABINET 2: EXPLORERS TO THE PACIFIC**

*John C. Calley and* Terra Australis Cognita or Voyages to the Terra Australis, or Southern Hemisphere. Vol. I. Edinburgh: Printed by A. Donaldson, 1766. de Beer Sh 1776 C


**CABINET 3: COOK’S FIRST VOYAGE**

*Sydney Parkinson,* A Journey of a Voyage to the South Sea. London: Printed for Stanfield Parkinson, 1773. de Beer Ec 1773 P


**CABINET 4: DRAWEREC WALLIS AND CARTERET**


**CABINET 5: DRAWEREC BOUGAINVILLE**


**CABINET 6: COOK’S FIRST VOYAGE**


**CABINET 7: COOK’S SECOND VOYAGE**


*Georg Forster,* A Voyage Round the World… During the Years 1772, 3, 4, and 5. Vol. I. London: Printed for B. White, [and three others], 1777, de Beer Ec 1777 P. p. 556

The Cook’s ‘Resolution’ medal, 1772. Courtesy of the Otago Museum, Dunedin

**CABINET 8: COOK’S LAST VOYAGE**

‘Omai’ by Sir Joshua Reynolds, 1774-1775. Photograph reproduction of the original in the Tate, London

James Cook, A Voyage to the Pacific Ocean. 2nd ed. Vol. II. London: Printed by H. Hughes, for G. Nicol, and T. Cadell, 1785. de Beer Ec 1785 C


‘Death of Cook’, in Gentleman’s Magazine, 1 January 1780. de Beer Eb 1731 G

**CABINET 9: DRAWEREC LA PÉROUSE**


**CABINET 10: DRAWEREC MALASPINA**


**CABINET 11: INTO THE NORTH**

George Vancouver, A Voyage of Discovery to the North Pacific Ocean. Vol. II. London: Printed for John Stockdale, 1801. de Beer Eb 1801 V


George Vancouver, A Voyage of Discovery to the North Pacific Ocean. Vol. VI. London: Printed for John Stockdale, 1801. de Beer Eb 1801 V

**CABINET 12: DRAWEREC THE RUSSIANS**


**CABINET 13: DRAWEREC FREYCINET**


**CABINET 14: DUPERREY**
