

**Evidence for a question:
where is the Solomons diaspora?**

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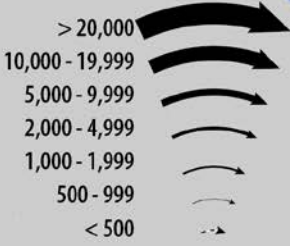
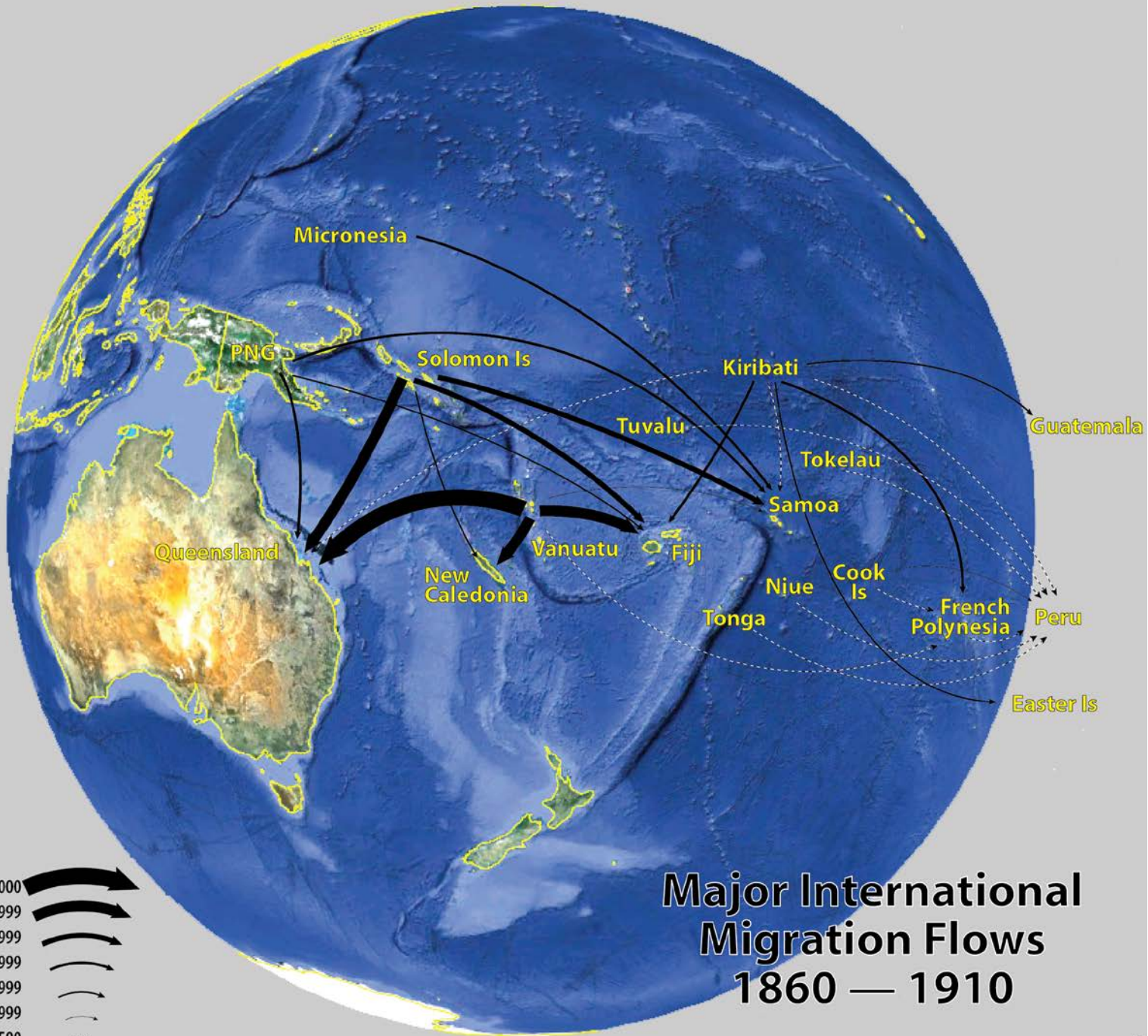
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A new diaspora for a new century?

- **2007 – 2011 over 2,000 visas issued to Solomon Islanders for temporary work in New Zealand, most under the Recognised Seasonal Employer Work Policy**
- **2012 Access to Australia's seasonal work programme extended to Solomon Islands – 8 workers head for Tasmania, January 2013**
- **Will these temporary flows contribute to a rebirth of a diaspora that was arrested over 100 years ago?**

Themes

- **Looking back – a 19th century Solomons diaspora**
- **A disappearing diaspora, 1901-1945**
- **A Pacific population explosion in Australia and New Zealand, 1966-2006**
- **A missing group -- where are the migrants from the Solomon Islands?**
- **A global stock-take around 2000**
- **Developments between 2001 and 2011**
- **Australia's Solomons population, 2011**



Major International Migration Flows 1860 — 1910

Pacific-born populations, ANZ, 1901-1947

Year	Australia	New Zealand	ANZ
1901	10,363	403	10,766
1911	3,410	204	3,614
1921	3,519	1,272	4,791
1933/36	3,510	1,737	5,247
1945/47	4,417	3,030	7,447

Solomons-born, ANZ, 1901-1947

Year	Pacific	Solomons	% Solomons
1901	10,766	2,000?	18.6?
1911	3,614	210	5.8
1921	4,791	235	4.9
1933/36	5,247	98	1.9
1945/47	7,447	134	1.8

Pacific-born populations, ANZ, 1966-1986

Year	Australia	New Zealand	ANZ
1966	11,853	22,520	34,373
1976	26,038	49,652	75,690
1986	50,608	72,738	123,346
1996	86,718	99,264	185,982
2006	106,907	138,432	245,339

Solomons-born, ANZ, 1966-2006

Year	Pacific	Solomons	% Solomons
1966	34,370	600	1.7
1976	75,690	850	1.1
1986	123,350	1,150	0.9
1996	185,980	1,570	0.8
2006	245,340	2,050	0.8

Solomons-born in ANZ as percentage of Solomons population, 1901-2006

Year	Solomons	ANZ	% ANZ
1901	110,000?	2,000?	1.8
1946	110,100	130	0.1
1986	285,200	1,150	0.4
2006	492,700	2,050	0.4

Solomons Diaspora, 2000-2002

Place of residence	Number	Percent
Other Melanesia	1,400	33.3
Australia/NZ	1,800	42.8
UK/Europe	490	11.7
Asia/Middle East	250	6.0
Americas	220	5.2
Africa	40	1.0
Total diaspora	4,200	100.0

NZ Visa Approvals, Solomon Islanders, 2002-2011 (June Years)

Visa category	2002-06	2007-11	2002-11
Residence	115	132	247
Study	800	602	1,402
Temporary work	338	1,699	2,037
Visit	1,852	2,500	4,352
Total	3,105	4,933	8,038

PLT Migration of Solomon Islanders to ANZ, 2002-06 (June Years)

Flow	Australia	New Zealand	Total
Arrivals	857	383	1,240
Departures	703	368	1,071
Net gain	154	15	169
MER (%)	7.3	2.0	7.3

PLT Migration of Fiji Citizens to ANZ, 2002-06 (June Years)

Flow	Australia	New Zealand	Total
Arrivals	14,555	12,087	26,642
Departures	3,693	1,760	5,453
Net gain	10,862	10,327	21,189
MER (%)	59.5	74.6	66.0

Solomon Is-Born Populations in Australia and NZ, 2001 and 2006

Year	Australia	New Zealand	Solomon Is
2001	1,326	505	428,000
2006	1,498	549	493,000
Change	+ 172	+42	+65,000
% change	8.3	12.8	15.2

Solomon Is-Born Populations in Australia and NZ, 2006 and 2011

Year	Australia	New Zealand	Solomon Is
2006	1,498	549	493,000
2011	1,757	(705?)	553,300
Change	+ 259	(+155?)	+60,300
% change	17.3	(28.2?)	12.2

Australia's Solomons population, 2011

Birth/ancestry	Solomons	Vanuatu	PNG
Born in islands	1,757	1,107	26,787
Ancestry	1,405	705	15,460
Ancestry+ Is born	697	289	8,752
Ancestry+ Aust born	584	377	6,294

Age structure of Solomons in Aust, 2011

Age group	Solomons	Vanuatu	PNG	Pacific
0-14	13.1	8.8	7.5	6.3
15-24	16.9	13.4	8.7	8.9
25-39	28.4	28.5	30.1	30.1
40-59	36.4	34.6	44.1	43.0
60+	5.1	14.7	9.5	11.7
Total	1,757	1,107	26,652	122,357

Young Adults (15-24), 2010 and 2050 (000's)

Area	2010	2050	Difference
Melanesia	1,658	2,757	1,099
Micronesia	96	100	4
Polynesia	126	129	3
New Zealand	628	679	41
Australia	3,147	3,671	524

Western Melanesia-born in Australia, 2011 as a share of total population in island countries

Country of birth	In Australia	Pop of country	% in Australia
Solomons	1,757	553,200	0.32
Vanuatu	1,107	251,800	0.44
PNG	26,787	7,200,000	0.37
All Pacific	125,498	10,012,400	1.25