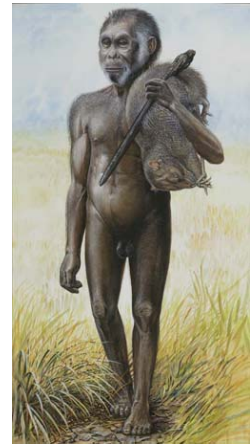


ABBEY MUSEUM HOSTS 'HOBBIT' TALK

The Museum won a major coup with one of the world's first public lectures on the startling new finds of *Homo floresiensis*. This new species of hominid lived on the Indonesian island of Flores as recently as 18,000 years, contemporary with modern human expansion through the South Pacific. The skeletal remains suggest that the metre-high skeleton belonged to a woman aged about 30 years, with a brain one-third the size of a modern human. Nicknamed the 'hobbit' because of its small size, *Homo floresiensis* possibly evolved from *Homo erectus* who arrived in Flores as early as 750,000 BC. Islands have a history of dwarfism; in the same site have been found the bones of extinct pygmy elephants, along side giant rats, tortoises and Komodo dragons.



Professor Mike Morwood (University of New England) and Douglas Hobbs, who led the discovery team, gave a public talk on the finds on 12 November to over 100 people at the Abbey Museum. The director, Michael Strong, says 'These people made history. You are a part of that history.'

SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR CHRISTMAS

As Christmas fast approaches perhaps one might consider purchasing a Gift from the **Abbey Museum Shoppe** which offers a selection of Jewellery, Coasters, Christmas Cards & Souvenirs for that slightly different present.



A Gregorian Advent

A gentle reminder that on Saturday 27th November at 6.30pm, the grounds of the **Abbey Church**, Caboolture will resound with the sounds of chant performed by **Schola Cantorum**, Brisbane's highly acclaimed Gregorian Chanting choir. This is a wonderful evening transporting all those who attend back in time to enjoy a deep and moving **Medieval Experience**.

The performance will be followed by a supper of **medieval** delicacies in the nearby **Abbey Hall**.

Tickets: \$20.00 (inc GST)

If you wish to purchase tickets please contact the Abbey Museum on 5495 1652 or email on admin@abbeymuseum.asn.au.