



# The Mindarie Bulletin



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## Australia Day Edition

Hopefully an "interesting" and "educational" issue

On Australia Day we come together as a nation to celebrate what's great about Australia and being Australian. It's the day to reflect on what we have achieved and what we can be proud of in our great nation. It's the day for us to re-commit to making Australia an even better place for the future.

Australia Day, 26 January, is the anniversary of the arrival of the First Fleet of 11 convict ships from Great Britain, and the raising of the Union Jack at Sydney Cove by its commander Captain Arthur Phillip, in 1788.

Rotary Club of Mindarie Inc. WA  
 District 9455 Club 83520  
 Chartered 2010  
[www.rotarymindarie.com](http://www.rotarymindarie.com)  
 Meets every second Wednesday  
 at Mindarie Marina Boardroom.  
 5:30pm for 6:00pm

## 2016/17 THEME



RI President John F. Germ chose *Rotary Serving Humanity* as his theme for 2016-17. Noting Rotary's unique ability to bring together committed professionals to achieve remarkable goals, Germ believes that "now is the time to capitalize on our success: as we complete the eradication of polio, and catapult Rotary forward to be an even greater force for good in the world."

## A WELL DESERVED BREAK

The Club has funded a well deserved 4 night holiday for the Sells family at the Abbey Beach Resort in Busselton to give Jane, John, Arthur and Archie a break whilst Sam is booked into respite.

When Dad John was asked when was the last time they had been on a holiday he said that it had been a long long time and that a holiday would be nice for the boys as they are missing out on so much. Mum Jane is over the moon and could not thank us enough saying it will be great to be able to spend quality time with Arthur and Archie and thanks the Club for making this possible.



Joan and John Sells, a young couple perhaps in their early thirties, live in the Clarkson community and have four young children Evelyn, Sam, Archie and Arthur. Regrettably:

- Evelyn was diagnosed in January 2015 with Aplastic Anemia (bone marrow failure) and whilst undergoing treatment experienced both right and left side strokes in July of that same year. Currently, Evelyn is in transition to Lady Lawley House from PMH where she is regularly returned in the event of complications or required procedures. She is confined to a wheelchair.
- Sam has been diagnosed with low functioning autism which means that he cannot communicate verbally and requires a life of consistent routines. He cannot attend after school care due to the possibility of him hurting other children.
- Both Arthur and his brother Archie have developmental delays.

Whilst Evelyn is at PMH, the family will always have either parent staying (usually John) with her and this includes overnight stays. As a consequence, John is no longer working and the family never gets a break with Mum always looking after the boys.

A local social worker brought the family to the Club's attention back in September and, as a result and in conjunction with Bunnings Mindarie, Club members did some work around the Sell's family home to facilitate eventual wheelchair access for Evelyn when she comes home. Unfortunately Evelyn is poorly again and is in PMH. This is her third time there in the past 3 months as she has a lung and urine infection and is also reacting badly to one of the medications they are prescribing resulting in tremors and making her distressed.

## 4 WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST



Come and see our representative, **Harry Harrop**, take part in the District semi-final.



Date: Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017  
 Time: 6.00pm for 6.30pm  
 Venue: Woodvale Tavern, 43 Trappers Drive, Woodvale  
 (hosted by Rotary Club of Wanneroo)

**WWw** *Revamped!*  
[rotarymindarie.com](http://www.rotarymindarie.com)

## WELL EARNED BREAK FOR THE SELLS FAMILY - continued

Early in December, Club member Dave did a scoping exercise to determine all the tasks that needed to be done in preparation for Evelyn's return home. The Club will be looking to undertake this work in the next month.

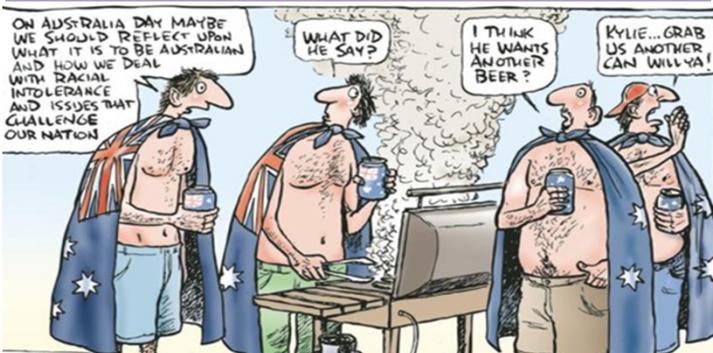
In addition, President Sandy has written to a couple of TV shows to see if they will come on board and undertake a serious renovation of the home.

## REALLY?

- ❑ When some space debris from NASA's Skylab crashed into the West Australian town of Esperance, the council charged the space agency \$400 for littering. NASA has yet to pay.
- ❑ Australia once went to war with emus. Spoiler alert: we lost.
- ❑ In 2005, Parliament House security guards were banned from addressing people as "mate". The ban lasted just one day.
- ❑ Australia was the 3rd country, after the US and Russia, to launch a satellite into orbit. It was for the British, using a 'Blue Streak' rocket
- ❑ Emus and kangaroos cannot walk backwards, and are on the Australian coat of arms for that reason.
- ❑ The Great Victoria Desert, just ONE of Australia's barren areas is larger than the United Kingdom. You could lose an entire country in Australia and never know it.
- ❑ A cult may or may not have tested the first non-governmental nuclear weapon in Western Australia. Australia is so big though no one is completely sure.
- ❑ In Victoria it is illegal to change a lightbulb unless you are an electrician. Wearing slippers after sunset is also a no-no

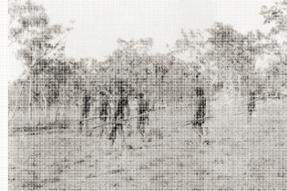
## AMPAN UPDATE

Club Director Margaret left Perth to visit Kiaipit in PNG and get involved in the villagers set up of the donations in kind sent to them. There will be a handover and program of acceptance on the 18<sup>th</sup> January. Margaret will be sending us pictures.



## First Australians

About 50,000 years ago, a small band of humans landed in northern Australia, arriving on a primitive boat or raft. It is likely that the journey was planned because enough men and women arrived to found a new population there. Perhaps guided by rivers, the group ventured deeper inland, where they found



giant mammals, birds, and reptiles ripe for hunting, and no other humans to challenge them. This intrepid group had stumbled upon a new continent, and they had it all to themselves.

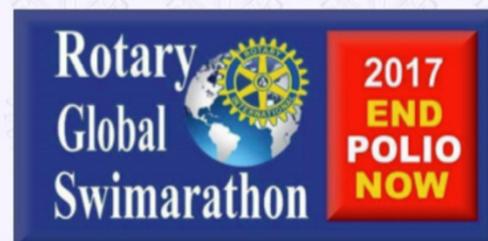
The ocean crossing from Asia to Australia is one of humanity's great early achievements, but it's one that is shrouded in mystery. Why modern humans made the journey, and when, are still open questions that scientists are keen to answer because they could hold the key to understanding when our ancestors first left Africa and whether they did so in one wave or in a staggered exodus spread out over millennia.

Archaeological evidence reveals that modern humans had spread into Southeast Asia from Africa by about 60,000 years ago, and that they were in Australia by about 50,000 years ago. The earliest known evidence of human occupation in Australia is a rock shelter in the Northern Territory that is about 55,000 years old, while the oldest human fossils ever discovered in Australia are about 10,000 years younger.

There were about 600 different clan groups or 'nations' around the continent when Europeans arrived, many with distinctive cultures and beliefs. Their 'territories' ranged from lush woodland areas to harsh desert surroundings. Different groups developed different skills and built a unique body of knowledge based on their particular environment.



Indigenous Australians in New South Wales and Victoria refer to themselves as 'Kooris' (or Koories) meaning 'person' or 'people'. In Queensland Aboriginal people identify themselves as Murri. Tasmanian Aboriginal people call themselves Palawa. The Nyungar are the Aboriginal people of Western Australia while the Aboriginal people of the Arnhem Land region of the Northern Territory are the Yolngu.



The Rotary Club of Kwinana is again participating in the Rotary Global Swimarathon, a worldwide event organised by the Rotary Club of Grantham in the UK to raise funds for Rotary International's major polio eradication program. We will be holding a swimarathon at the Kwinana Recquatic Centre on Sunday 26 February 2017. Registration will take place between 10.30am and 11.20am; the swimarathon will take place between 11.30am and 12.30pm. The cost of participation will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for swimmers aged 16 years and under. Spectators are encouraged to make a gold coin donation. There will be no additional charge by Recquatic Centre staff for pool entry. The event is open to all members of the community.

# ROTARY FRIENDSHIP TREES

Rotarians have planted trees in the name of fellowship, friendship, and community service since the early 20th century. These trees, which can be found worldwide, have grown into enduring monuments of Rotary's ideals.

As president emeritus, Harris traveled extensively during the 1920s and 1930s, often accompanied by his wife Jean.

During these trips, the nature-loving Harris planted trees to symbolize goodwill and friendship.

In the fall of 1932, Harris embarked on a five-week tour of European Rotary clubs and planted trees along the way.



"Wednesday forenoon I planted my first tree of friendship in European soil. It seemed to me especially appropriate that it took place in Germany—in its metropolis—Berlin. The planting occurred in a sports platz formerly devoted to war purposes, and a large number including Rotarians, city officials, and others were in attendance."

Harris also planted trees in Tallinn, Estonia, and Göteborg, Sweden, during this trip.

Planting trees soon became a hallmark of his travels, including in Australia, Brazil, Estonia, Japan, Mexico, and New Zealand. In *My Road to Rotary* Harris recalled: "With the cooperation of Rotarians and local governments, I have planted friendship trees in the parks and playgrounds on five continents of the world and even on some of the major islands of the seas. Our trees stood as symbols of international understanding and good-will." Other RI presidents also observed the tradition. In 1931-32, then-RI president Sydney W. Pascall planted trees at the sites of Rotary clubs he visited, reportedly at Paul Harris's suggestion.



Today, Rotarians continue to plant trees to symbolize enduring friendships and fellowship, to beautify parks and communities, and to contribute to a greener world.

## INTERESTING RESEARCH ABOUT ALL BLOOD GROUPS

A (+) : Good Leadership  
 A (-) : Hardworking  
 B (+) : Can Give Up [Sacrifice] For Others  
 B (-) : Non - flexible, Selfish & Sadistic  
 O (+) : Born to Help  
 O (-) : Narrow minded  
 AB (+) : Very Difficult to Understand  
 AB (-) : Sharp & Intelligent  
 what is urs???

The secret of enjoying a good wine:

1. Open the bottle to allow it to breathe.



2. If it does not look like it's breathing give it mouth-to-mouth.

**The Rotary District 9455 2017  
 Camp Opportunity committee  
 invites you to the Camp  
 Opportunity Dinner to celebrate  
 with all the Camp attendees.  
 This will be an evening of Fun and  
 Fellowship**

**Date: Wednesday 25th January 2017**

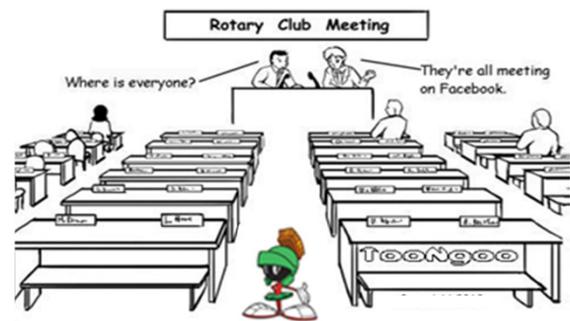
**Time: 6.30 for 7.00 pm**

**Venue: Point Walter Recreation Centre**

**1 Stock Road, Bicton 6157**

**Dress Code: Smart Casual**

**Theme: Masquerade**



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 26th January 2017**  
 South Perth Foreshore  
 (West of the Flag Pole)

**Guinness World Record  
 Attempt @ 6pm**

## FORM THE BIGGEST HUMAN BLOOD DROP

On Australia Day we come together to celebrate what's great about Aussies and being Australian. So on January 26th 2017 thousands of people throughout Perth will head down to South Perth Foreshore in South Perth and join the celebrations in 'The Great Aussie Blood Group' 'every body counts' Guinness World Record attempt to form the world's biggest human blood drop! The Great Aussie Blood Group Guinness World Record attempt is not only an opportunity to celebrate the 'uniting of people' but also to increase awareness that blood disorders can happen to anybody, at any age, at any time, with no real warning!

**REGISTER @ [greataussiebloodgroup.org.au](http://greataussiebloodgroup.org.au) or FOR MORE INFO CALL 9368 7589**

**LET'S BREAK THE RECORD AND BE PART OF HISTORY!**

Registration \$10 per person or \$30 family of 4 { 2 adults, 2 kids } { Includes hat & certificate }

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For info about road closures and activities on Australia Day, go to City of South Perth [www.southperth.wa.gov.au](http://www.southperth.wa.gov.au)  
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# WHO REALLY 'DISCOVERED' AUSTRALIA?

So, you thought it was England's Captain James Cook who was the first European to discover Australia? Most history books state this as fact. But it seems that long-held assumption is wrong. Captain Cook didn't 'discover' Australia and, to be fair, he never said he did. He always acknowledged that that distinction went to the early Portuguese and Dutch seafarers who sailed to the East Indies in search of valuable spices. Maritime maps dating back to the 1500s strongly suggest that it was the Portuguese who first reached Australia, some 250 years before Captain Cook. And, no, it wasn't the Dutch either.

It was an accident that caused Captain Cook to flounder on the Great Barrier Reef in 1770, thus focusing his attention on the huge landmass beyond the horizon. So it was that Captain Cook proclaimed the eastern part of Australia to be named New South Wales on August 22nd, 1770. Australia was triumphantly declared to be 'terra nullius', literally 'nobody's land' in Latin.

Before Australia was named after Wales, it had been named after Holland. It's generally accepted now that the Dutch had been plying the waters around the Australian continent since the early 17th century. The first Dutch ship to chart part of Australia's coast was the *Duyfken*, captained by Willem Janszoon in 1606, and in 1642 it was Abel Tasman (yes, after whom Tasmania was named) who, passing the coast of Australia, named it New Holland.

In the 1500s Portuguese navigators were particularly strong in the East Indies, giving Portugal virtual control of the highly lucrative spice trade, so it is not a huge stretch to logically ponder that they would have indeed ventured a little to the east and south and 'find' Australia.

And there are reproductions of 16th century maritime maps found in a Canberra bookshop that prove it. It was Australian author Peter Trickett who explored the map angle in his book ["Beyond Capricorn"](#).

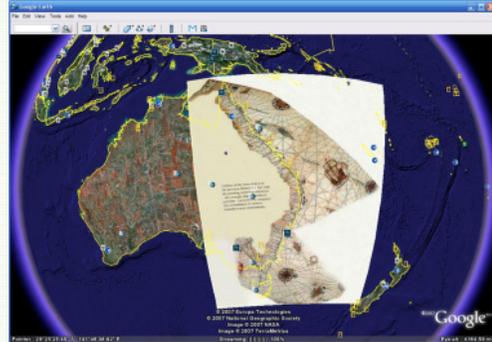
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USING A PETROL-DRIVEN LAWNMOWER FOR ONE HOUR PRODUCES AS MUCH POLLUTION AS A 100 MILE CAR TRIP



Trickett studied the maps and came to the startling conclusion that what he was looking at were almost exact replicas of Australia's eastern coastline.



This is said to prove that it was the Portuguese navigator Cristovão de Mendonça who Trickett asserts sailed into Botany Bay in 1522 – that is 248 years before Captain Cook did, and a full eight decades before even the Dutch sighted and charted Australia for the first time.

It was back in 1786 that a Scottish geographer, Alexander Dalrymple (published as a note to his *Memoir Concerning the Chagos and Adjacent Islands*), who put forward the same maps as evidence of what the Portuguese achieved in the 1500s. Why would the Portuguese keep these discoveries so secret? Its great rivalry at the time with the other great imperial naval power, Spain, was a compelling reason, and its empire was already large and its resources thinly spread. It is well documented that the Portuguese monarchy and explorers at the time were obsessed by the 'Island of Gold', which was said to be southeast of Sumatra, and there is a record of de Mendonça sailing from southern India in 1521 on that very mission. The maps are from that same mission. Is it such a stretch to believe that the fabled 'island' was indeed Australia?

Who knows what might have become of Australia had the Portuguese pushed on in their discoveries of what would become Britain's terra nullius. Portugal might have persevered in its quest to secure Australia as its own had it not been so bogged down by disastrous foreign campaigns and crippling financial woes at the time.

Facebook should have a limit on how many times you can change your relationship status. After 3 it should default to "unstable".

"Don't worry what people think, they don't do it very often."  
(unknown)



Don't be late to book for this very important date



## Handicamp Sloan Rotary Mad Hatters Dinner

Tuesday 31 January 2017  
6.30 for 7pm

\$30 per person  
Includes meal and soft drinks

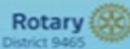
Point Walter Recreation Camp  
1 Stock Road Bicton

Dress: Casual...with your best hat!

Handicamp is an alcohol and smoke free zone



Seats are limited - RSVP essential  
RSVP with dietary requirements to:  
handicamp@rotary9465.org.au  
by 25 January 2017



## PLANNING IS A MUST!

Many people do not understand the difference between an "operational plan" and a "strategic plan" as relating to a club or organisation. Thus, all too often, people jump into operational activities which may or may not bear fruit or achieve desired Club goals.

The strategic plan is about setting a direction for the club or organisation, devising goals and objectives and identifying a range of strategies to pursue so that the club might achieve its goals.

The strategic plan is a general guide for the management of the club according to the priorities and goals of its members. The strategic plan DOES NOT stipulate the day-to-day tasks and activities involved in running the club.

On the other hand the Operational Plan DOES present highly detailed information about task and activities that will be undertaken by Club members in order to meet overall Club goals. It provides the what, who, when and how much:

- what - the tasks and activities that must be undertaken
- who - the persons who have responsibility of each of the tasks/activities
- when - the timelines in which tasks/activities must be completed
- how much - the amount of financial resources provided to complete each task/activity



## WHAT OTHER CLUBS ARE DOING



Clubs around Australia find interesting ways to give to the community.

### ❑ Oral Dental Hygiene

Children in low socio-economic schools are given advice on dental care, toothbrushes and toothpaste  
Dental students go into low socio economic schools and give a presentation to students on how to adequately care for their teeth. The students are provided with toothbrushes and toothpaste.

### ❑ Provision of Aids for Vision Impaired Students

Conducted in conjunction with the Vision Teacher Service Education Department of WA  
It supports students who are vision impaired or blind to pursue their studies in school or university education. The support is usually in specialised equipment and assistive technology that enhances the student's access to the curriculum to year 2015 and some \$80,000 has been expended on this initiative that has assisted students with vision impairment to achieve their educational goals.

### ❑ Christmas Gift Collection

Management of the **Christmas Tree of Joy** at a large shopping centre. People place Christmas gifts under the tree and we distribute them to local families in need.

### ❑ Annual Art Show

An annual art show has been held every year from 1976 to 2015 and is a well established local event. The art show has raised some \$250,000 over the years and this has been put back into the community to fund programs for youth and other needs.

### ❑ Bird Boxes

During natural disasters, the habitat of certain birds is often destroyed. One Club's environmental project is to build bird boxes, designed to suit a specific species of bird, determined from advice provided by researching personnel.

### ❑ BusyFeet

BusyFeet is a dance and movement activity for children with intellectual and physical disabilities, aged 6 to 16 years. The participants experience happiness, and develop more self confidence, through the movement of dance.

### ❑ White Cottages

In response to severe accommodation difficulties being experienced by close relatives of palliative care and rehabilitation patients at the local medical centre, a Club renovated an old on-site building into two accommodation units. It is now much easier for families to be close to their loved ones at critical times.

The typical American checks his/her smartphone once every 6.5 minutes





Encourage your people to be committed to a project rather than just involved in it. You know the difference between involvement and commitment don't you? In a meal of bacon and eggs, the chicken is involved, the pig is committed - (Richard Pratt)

## ***BENEFITS OF ROTARY***

### **YOU KNOW YOU'RE AUSTRALIAN WHEN:**

You believe that stubbles can either be drunk or worn. You pronounce Melbourne as 'Mel-bin'. You believe that the letter 'l' in Australia is optional, and it's perfectly ok to call it 'Straya'. You think 'Woolloomooloo' is a perfectly reasonable name for a place. You're secretly proud of our killer wildlife. You believe it makes perfect sense for a country to have a...\$1 coin that's twice as big as a \$2 coin. You understand that 'Wagga Wagga' can be abbreviated to 'Wagga' but 'Woy Woy' cannot be just 'Woy'. Beetroot with your hamburger...of course! You wear ugg boots outside the house. You believe that the more you shorten someone's name, the more you like them. You understand that 'excuse me' can sound rude, but 'scuse me' is always polite. You know what it's like to swallow a fly, on occasion via your nose. You know it's not summer until the steering wheel is too hot to handle and a seat belt buckle becomes a pretty good branding iron. You know how to abbreviate every word, all of which usually end in 'o': arvo, convo, garbo, lezzo, metho, milko, muso, servo, smoko, rego, speedo, righto, etc.,....you know that there is a universal place called 'Woop Woop' located in the middle of nowhere, no matter where you actually are! And you can understand all of this, had a giggle, and tell all your aussie and international friends. I love Australia!

The number 1 question a prospective member asks is "why should I join Rotary?"

Can you answer that question in a way that will inspire that person to become the enthusiastic and engaged Rotarian that you are?

A couple years ago RI prepared a list of the benefits of Rotary membership – the "value" that Rotary has to offer its members. That list is very worthwhile for every Rotarian to review. It is highly likely that many, maybe even most, Rotarians don't know all the benefits that are available to them as Rotarians. Or they take them for granted and thus never realize the full benefits of Rotary membership.

We know we love Rotary. We know we feel that our Rotary friends and Rotary experiences are priceless parts of our lives. Yet when asked by someone what they will get from Rotary we have trouble relating the depth and breadth of the Rotary experience.



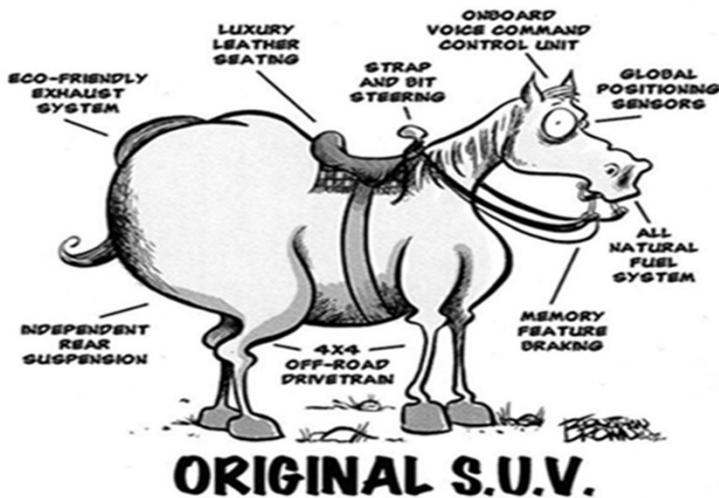
However, the Benefits of Rotary list serves another very important function. It is also an excellent tool for club leaders to assess their clubs and their leadership by asking, "does our club provide these benefits?" If the answer is anything but a resounding yes, the next question should be, "What changes do we need to make so we can provide them?"

Obviously no Rotary Club can be all things to all people, and each club is unique, with its own strengths and weaknesses. However it is self apparent that the more well rounded a club is, the better its chances to be attractive to more potential members – and that its members remain active and enthusiastic.

We can't attract new members to Rotary if we cannot explain how the benefits they will receive far outweigh the costs of time, money and personal engagement they will be asked to incur.

The benefits can be found on the web and cover, amongst others, the areas of:

- Satisfaction of making a difference
- Professional Development
- Networking
- Relationships
- Personal development



**“Wisdom is gathered from a multitude of poor decisions.”**  
~ Paul V Harris



**Our sponsored RYE student Perri Reid left for her year's sojourn in Finland on 12 January**  
**Have fun Perri!**

## **MAYBE IT WASN'T THE PORTUGUESE, ENGLISH OR DUTCH - WHO DISCOVERED AUSTRALIA?**

Were the Dutch explorers really the first discoverers of Australia? Or was it the Spanish or Portuguese; or far earlier mariners from Asia, the near or middle-east?

Take, for example, the remains of an ancient shipwreck claimed to be a Phoenician trireme at least 2500 or more years old and which was located near King Sound, Western Australia, some years ago by the late Perth diver Allan Robinson.

Perhaps it might help explain the presence of apparent middle-east racial features among local Aboriginal tribes of the nearby Kimberleys region. There is plenty of evidence to indicate that traders and mineral-seekers from the middle eastern civilisations were sailing Australian waters up to 3000 years ago.

But what of the ancient Chinese who were trading in these same waters at least 2500 years ago? Evidence is accumulating to prove that they too played their part in the discovery of Australia.

The Javanese, with whom the Chinese traded, had an extensive knowledge of our waters, and could have been instrumental in directing Chinese explorers to our shores. Like the earlier civilisations of the near and middle-east, the Chinese certainly possessed often enormous wooden ships and navigation aids to enable them to undertake world wide voyages in antiquity.

For example, some of their huge junks were capable of carrying over 1000 people each. One type of huge junk measured at least 140 metres from bow to stern and more than 30 metres across the beam. According to ancient writings, preserved in China, a Buddhist monk, Fu Shai in 458 A.D. may have landed in southern California after an 11,000 km voyage in one of these enormous ocean-going boats.



It was Franciscan missionaries who went to China in the 16th century who were the first Europeans to obtain evidence pointing to Chinese contacts with Australia. Mounting evidence includes:

- Copper scrolls written by the Chinese in the 6th Century A.D., including a crude map of Australia telling of voyages across the Pacific Ocean in the 10th and 11th centuries
- Confucius in his "*Spring and Autumn Annals*" {481 B.C.} records two solar eclipses having been observed by Chinese astronomers, possibly in Arnhem Land-one {by modern calculation}on April 17, 592 B.C.; and the other on August 11, 553 B.C.
- Another record, "*Atlas of Foreign Countries*", written between 265 and 316 A.D., describes the far north coast of the mysterious great south land as being inhabited by a race of one-metre tall pygmies-an obvious reference to the pygmy-sized Aboriginals identified by Australian anthropologist Norman B. Tindale in the mountains above Cairns, Queensland.

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- In 338 B.C., Shih Tzu wrote of the presence of apparent kangaroos kept in the Imperial Zoo in Peking
- Reports of Emperor Chao about the same time dispatched a fleet of junks with orders to return with marsupials from the southern land of "*Chui Hiao*"
- A Chinese book "*The Classics of Shan Hai*", written some time before 338 B.C., describes our Aboriginals and their use of the boomerang.
- In 1948 fragments of Ming period {14th Century} blue and white porcelain were dug up on Winchelsea Island, north west of Groote Eylandt
- A large copper urn of this age was unearthed in Arnhem Land some years ago.
- Aboriginal cave paintings of the Arnhem Land and the Kimberleys region include depictions of Chinese junks dating back hundreds of years.
- The remains of an ancient vessel, found off the coast of Perth some years ago by the late skin diver Allan Robinson, is said to have revealed relics suggesting the wreck to be that of a 12th Century Chinese Junk.
- At another site on the coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria near the base of Cape York, Queensland, a number of Chinese porcelain tea cups dating 2000 years were dug up several years ago.
- In 1961 a 2000-year old vase bearing a crude map of the Australian east coast was discovered in Hong Kong.
- Another map, dating back 2000 years and drawn on porcelain, exists in Taiwan. it shows the southern coastline of New Guinea, the east coast of Australia as far south as the Melbourne area, and the crude outline of Tasmania.
- Another Porcelain map has since been found in China dating to 1477, it not only describes much of the American west coast, but some Pacific Islands, including New Zealand, Australia and New Guinea, and the islands of south-east Asia and the coast of China.
- In the late 1940's a discovery proving ancient Chinese voyages into the west Pacific region was made by a team of anthropologists while researching in the Yasawa Islands to the west of Fiji. The men found an ancient copper mine cut into a hillside. Littering surrounding rocks they found numerous centuries-old letterings. Natives on the island were later found to possess Asian racial features. They say the island was visited by a race of "*yellow men*" long before the coming of the Europeans.

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Each of us is surrounded by bacteria that are released from our bodies; everyone's personal microbial cloud is unique.

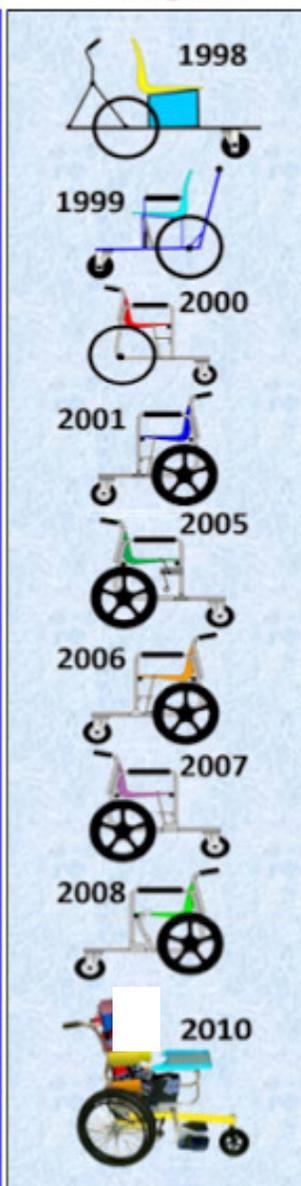


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ANGOLA	50	FLORES ISLAND	20	ROMANIA	131
ARMENIA	302	JAVA	112	SAMOA	231
BANGLADESH	670	LOMBOK	43	SIERRA LEONE	163
BELARUS	131	SALATIGA	8	SINGAPORE	1
BOSNIA	100	SUMATRA	28	SOLOMON ISLANDS	264
BOUGAINVILLE	6	JORDAN	105	SOMALIA	332
BRAZIL	2	KENYA	1072	SOMALILAND	90
BULGARIA	25	KIRIBATI	122	SOUTH AFRICA	122
BURKINA FASO	164	LAOS	20	SOUTH KOREA	20
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SAVU SAVU	40	MOZAMBIQUE	99	VIETNAM	7551
SUVA	630	MYANMAR	1754	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	5
GAZA	656	NAURU	10	YEMEN	166
GHANA	162	NEPAL	17	ZAMBIA	450
INDIA	353	NIGERIA	438	ZIMBABWE	485
IRAN	22	PAKISTAN	846		
IRAQ	1949	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	1877		



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- Thirty-five years ago a jade Buddha was unearthed near Cooktown in far north-Queensland, deep below ancient soil deposits.
- And at Darwin in 1879 workmen dug up a statue of Shou Lao, the Chinese god of longevity, dating from the Ming period, from deep down beneath the roots of an ancient banyan tree.
- Cheng Ho {1385-1440} also possessed the magnetic compass on this voyage. Invented by the Chinese in 1090, it was not "discovered" in western Europe for another 100 years. Cheng Ho was instructed to establish a colony in the vicinity of present-day Darwin while astronomers accompanying the expedition carried out observations of the southern skies. During Cheng Ho's stay near Darwin some of his men are said to have explored deep inland, and part of his fleet is claimed to have carried out the circumnavigation of Australia before returning to China.
- About 1980 a young woman unearthed a carved stone head from a sand hill while walking on a beach north of Milton on the New South Wales south coast. The head, now resting in my Kedumba Nature Museum, Katoomba {NSW}, is of a Chinese goddess, possibly the "Celestial Spouse" herself.

One thing is certain. If, as we have been taught in our school history books that Australia was only discovered by European mariners in the 126th century...what were kangaroos doing in the Imperial Zoo in Peking in 338 B.C?

<http://www.mysteriousaustralia.com/>

The most important thing in communication is hearing what isn't said.

Peter Drucker



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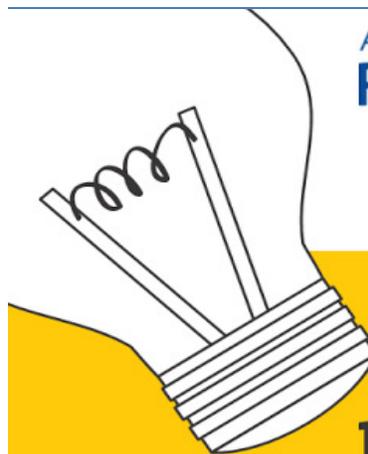


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- Further their vocational development through acquaintance with others of the same profession
- Make new friends around the world
- Explore new opportunities for service
- Have fun and enhance their Rotary experience

## WHO ELSE "DISCOVERED" AUSTRALIA

One day in 1931 on a windswept sand hill, the remains of the shoreline a long-vanished lake about 100km south of the Murray River, at Glenloth, Victoria, John Gibbs, a 10 year old local boy, was playing in the shell grit of an ancient Aboriginal midden. In a basin of the sand hill amid the debris of broken shells, he picked up a large fragmenting football-size lump of petrified mud. Protruding from one of the fragments, he found a small bronze coin. Years later a Melbourne Museum numismatist would identify it as Greek, and that it had been minted in Egypt during the reign of the Greek Ptolemy Philometor the 6th in the 2nd century B.C.

The suggestion as to how the coin turned up where it was found is of course that it had been left behind by ancient visitors; Greek explorers perhaps, or even Arabs, Indians or Malayans with whom the Greeks traded.

Similarly, in 1961 a family picnicking on the Daly River, west of Katherine in the Northern Territory, found a gold scarab, an object of worship of the ancient Egyptians. How did this valuable ornament find its way to such a remote location? One might ask the same question of a carved stone head of the ancient Chinese Goddess Shao Lin (protectress of mariners at sea) removed from a beachfront hillside at Milton, on the New South Wales far south coast in 1983.

The many ancient rock inscriptions of Phoenician, Libyan, Egyptian, Celtic, Scandinavian and other origins that have turned up across Australia. Relics, rock inscriptions and megalithic ruins left here by seafaring adventurers who came here from civilisations now long turned to dust. They sailed in search of new lands rich in gold, silver, copper and tin, precious stones and pearls, using the worlds' oceans as watery highways.

# WELCOME TO MINDARIE!

*RYE student OLGA BURLIKOWSKA,  
age 16, from Bydgoszcz, Poland.*



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## HOW DO WE ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS?

How do we entice visitors along to our projects and meetings and not only get them to come back again, but convert them into committed and dedicated Rotary members?

There's a little bit more to it than just launching a strong marketing campaign, you also need to have a quality product to pitch.

However, before we go anywhere, it's important to sit down and define exactly who it is your club wants to attract. For example, are you seeking to attract more young people to your group? Or perhaps professional people? Maybe you're after family orientated people, or retirees. You may find that your potential members fall into more than one category.

It's important to define the type of people you wish to attract so that you can tailor your marketing methods to them.

An area where a lot of clubs fall down is in remaining relevant to their community. It's very easy to get caught up in the same old routine and run the same kinds of projects and events year after year. Over time the needs of the community change though and what might have been a very relevant event in the 2000's may no longer carry the same relevancy in the 2010's.

This is an equally important point for new member attraction. Potential members are not going to be attracted to a club that performs projects that are completely irrelevant or unimportant to them. The question then is how do you determine what is relevant to them?

Take a look at the projects your club currently does. Are they relevant to the audience you are trying to attract? Can you think of some project ideas that might appeal to them more?

You won't attract too many new members if information about your club is not easily accessible. The two most likely methods of delivering this information are regular newsletters and a website.

- What your club is about - What is your mission statement? What future goals are you aiming for? What past achievements are you proud of?
- Where your club is located - What area do you service?
- Your club's membership requirements - Are there any restrictions on who can join? What is expected of a member? Are there attendance requirements? What does it cost to be a member?
- Club project details - What projects are coming up on your club's calendar? What is involved in these projects?
- Club meeting details - When and where does your club meet? How long do meetings run for? What can a visitor expect at a club meeting?
- Club contact details - Who should a potential member contact to attend a meeting or get involved in a project?

First impressions ALWAYS count. It's important that a potential member's first impression of your club is a good one.



## DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2017

Rotary District 9455 to be held in March on 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017

The conference commences with a Sundowner on the 24<sup>th</sup> from 6pm - 10pm. A full day conference on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> March with Sunday morning featuring Rotary projects and the Four Way Speaking contest along with Optional tours to various projects in the afternoon.

The Venue is the Guildford Grammar School in Guildford.

### Purpose of the District conference

The purpose of the District conference is to provide opportunities for networking, inspirational addresses, and discussions of Rotary-related matters. The event recognizes the service programs, projects, and public relations achievements in the district in order to inspire Rotarians to become more involved in service. The conference will give Rotarians and clubs a vision of Rotary beyond the club level and provide a memorable fellowship experience. Many Rotarians have said that they were never truly enthusiastic about Rotary until they saw an inspirational presentation at a district conference.

Rotarians it's your chance to connect with Rotary members from around the State. You'll build new relationships and exchange ideas across cultures. You'll also be able to:

- Enhance your professional skills
- Network to find a project partner
- CONNECT WITH FRIENDS

This year's District conference offers an outstanding combination of information, inspiration, and entertainment. Take part in once-in-a-lifetime activities and events:

- Hear from exceptional speakers.
- Learn something new in a breakout session
- Browse booths in the Field of Friendship

DG Patricia welcomes each and every Rotarian in and around our District to attend. This year sees us open the conference to the General public along with the Field of friendship being open to the public all day on Saturday.

You will not be disappointed. Come and enjoy yourselves, be inspired, be motivated but most of all have fun with Rotarians and friends of District 9455.

See more at:

<http://rotarydistrict9455.org.au/event/20112/district-9455-conference-2017>