

The Southern Yarn

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JUNE

**FIFA Women's World Cup:
Aus & NZ in Canada, June 8, 12, 15**

Monday 8th June, 3 pm, USA v **AUS**

Friday 12th June, 4 pm, **AUS** v NGA

Monday 15th June, 3 pm, CHN v **NZL**

Winnipeg Stadium

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JULY

**Annual Pool Party
and Potluck
Saturday 18th July, 2 pm**

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AUGUST

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Our Anzac Day ceremony recognized the centenary with a large turnout of members and many special guests.

Anzac Day ceremony a success

One hundred years ago, on April 25, 1915, armed forces from Australia and New Zealand and several other Commonwealth countries landed on the shores of Gallipoli. Since then, for Australians and New Zealanders, Anzac Day (as April 25 became known) has been a significant day to observe remembrance of the fallen and all who served at Gallipoli and in conflicts and peacekeeping since then.

This year, in honour of the centenary, the Down Under Club of Winnipeg held a special service on Saturday, April 25, at the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada, attended by approximately 270 people including invited guests, service personnel, DownUnder Club members, members of the General Monash Legion, cadets, and the general public.

The solemn event began with the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Philip Lee, and Her Honour Mrs. Anita Lee, an introduction to the 100th commemoration of Anzac Day, the parade entry and marching on of the Colours, and continued under the watch of Master of Ceremonies Peter Munn and Parade Marshal Gordon Keatch.

The official greetings and remarks of remembrances on behalf of the Governments of Australia, New Zealand and Turkey, the Anzac Requiem, playing of the last post and reveille, laying of wreaths, poppies placed on

the cenotaph by anyone who wished, greetings from various dignitaries, and the playing of the national anthems of Canada, New Zealand and Australia, were highlights of this outstanding time of remembrance.

The ceremony was followed by a panel discussion on the involvement of ANZACs and Canadians in the First World War conflicts, moderated by Liz Hydesmith, and opened by Hakan Cengiz from the Turkish Embassy. Panelists Winnipeggers Dr. James Fergusson, Warren Otto, Christopher Young and Captain Emmanuel Goffi from the French Air Force explored our combined military history which created an ongoing bond of mateship. The challenges faced by the soldiers of the newly forming battalions and their engagements, the strain political commitment to the war placed on the nations to support them and the legacy of personal sacrifice were all highlighted as contemporary context of commitment to the great war in Europe was explored.

The somber and reflective tone of the day was sweetened by delightful afternoon tea treats and a chance to gather and chat. Guests were attended by Navy and Air Force cadets and DUCW members whose commitment to community service was appreciated.

- Judy Powell & Liz Hydesmith

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editorially yours

Charlie Powell



G'day - Another memory from Army Cadet days is the "dog biscuits" we were given when bivouacking on Bribie Island or at Greenbank. The only safe way to eat them was to dunk them in your tea. So I'm not surprised one has survived since it was given to a Digger en route to Gallipoli 100 years ago (p. 3). Be sure to click on the link and listen to the interview with the soldier's grandson. A much tastier version was served up at our 100 year commemoration of ANZAC Day last month: compliments to High Tea Bakery for the fare they served up for the occasion!



There are several other opportunities coming up during the summer to get together again - soccer, swimming and golf - so check the Calendar of Events on p. 1 and let us know if you're coming.

This month's "Getting to know.." is the first of a three-part series looking at Treaties. We start with Australia, where actually none were ever made with the first people - p. 4.

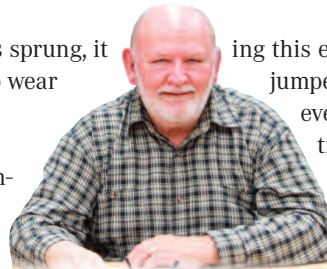
The birds i view this month are plovers (p. 6).

Thanks to other contributors for this month - Judy, Murray, Jenny, Liz and Brian.

Enjoy!

Now that Spring has sprung, it has been so nice to wear shorts rather than adding longjohns to keep warm. It was not a bad winter, but long enough for all of us. Enjoy the rest of Spring, and hopefully a beautiful Summer is in the works.

It was good to see many club members, and such a great attendance at our commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the landing of Anzac troops at Gallipoli. I want to commend Liz Hydesmith, Brian Hydesmith, and Jenny Gates, for the great job they did, and the many, many hours they spent in bring-



president's ramblings

Peter Munn

ing this event together. Liz especially jumped through hoops to make the event as special as it was, and a particular thank you to Liz from all of us. Thank you as well to the club members and friends who helped out along the way. We were honoured with the presence of Their Honours, The Honourable Philip Lee, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba and her Honour Mrs. Anita Lee, and we thank the members of the military, Cadets, and special guests who joined with us on this special day. See you all again at the Pool party, or on the golf course.

Peter



Turkish representative Hakan Cengiz and panelists Jim Ferguson, Warren Otto, Chris Young and Emmanuel Goffi



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The flags of our countries and pots of rosemary (for remembrance), decorated the tables, supported by a display of Anzac memorabilia and photos, large banners featuring photos from Gallipoli 1915 decorating the aviation museum.

Vegemite back on shelves

DUCW member Toby Elson reports 220g jars at London Drugs in St Vital for \$7. They do sell out, but patience is a virtue and they re-stock on a regular basis. According to Toby, "I've done the math before and even with the premium price, still cheaper than shipping from Aus." Happy shopping, Vegemite lovers!



There is movement at the station

The Recognition referendum: Our Constitution was written more than a century ago. By then, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples had lived in this land for more than 40,000 years, keeping alive the world's oldest continuous cultures. But Australia's founding document did not recognise the first chapter of our national story. So there is a movement to right that wrong... [Read more online].



Australian wingsuit pilots made the first-ever crossing of the Grand Canyon on 9 April, 2015. Image Credit: Paul Tozer

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's ..

The Australian Geographic sponsored a team that has become the first to wingsuit

over the Grand Canyon. ON 9 APRIL 2015 Aussie wingsuiters Glenn Singleman and Heather Swan – along with team members Roger Hugelshofer, Vicente Cajiga and cameraman Paul Tozer – claimed their fame. [More online]:

newszealand

source: NZ Herald, unless otherwise noted



And speaking of referenda ...

Kiwis might have one soon, to decide the fate of their flag. A roadshow, including community meetings, will be held across the country, starting in Christchurch on May 16. Members of the public can also share their thoughts online at www.standfor.co.nz. This



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is the first time in history that all New Zealanders will have a say in the design of the NZ flag.

And speaking of the NZ Flag ..

A New Zealand that flew at Quinn's Post, Gallipoli 100 years ago has come to light. (See inset photo, left) It belonged to soldier John Taylor, and now his 90 year old daughter has handed it over to the RSA for safe keeping. [More online]



And speaking of WW1

A biscuit that came to light 100 years ago in Egypt, on route to Gallipoli, is still looking edible – or at least no less edible than it did back then. Bruce Gatward-Cook talks about the not-so-tasty and very hard biscuit his grandfather brought back from WW1. [More online].

Tim Whyatt is an award-winning Australian cartoonist known for his edginess and humour. Tim gave us permission to share two of his cartoons in the Yarn, and we hope you enjoy them. According to his bio, "You can get away with quite a bit of shenanigans out there in the bush", which is just another way of saying that not all his cartoons are suitable for all audiences – but they are definitely worth checking out at whyatt.com.au and www.facebook.com/WhyattCartoons. Thanks to DUCW member **Shirley Stacey** for introducing us to Tim, and thanks to Tim for allowing us to run these cartoons for your viewing pleasure.

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Treaty people, or not ...

[Part One] Over the next 3 Yarns we'll take a look at where things are at with Treaties in our 3 countries, starting with Australia.

No formally binding treaties were ever negotiated with Indigenous peoples in Australia whereas hundreds were signed with Indigenous people in North America and New Zealand. The Commonwealth considers that the major distinguishing characteristic of a treaty is that it is concluded between sovereign nation states with full international personality. Individuals, or groups without international personality, cannot be parties to a treaty (Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee, 1995).

Terra nullius

British colonisation policies and subsequent land laws were framed in the belief that the colony was being acquired by occupation (or settlement) of a terra nullius (land without owners). The colonisers acknowledged the presence of Indigenous people but justified their land acquisition policies by saying the Aborigines were too primitive to be actual owners and sovereigns and that they had no readily identifiable hierarchy or political order which the British Government could recognise or negotiate with.

The High Court's Mabo judgment in 1992 overturned the terra nullius fiction. In the same judgment, however, the High Court accepted the British assertion of sovereignty in 1788, and held that from that time there was only one sovereign power and one system of law in Australia.

Proposals for an Australian treaty

The idea of an Australian treaty with Indigenous peoples was first promoted in 1837 by Saxe Bannister, the first Attorney General of NSW. The retired Governor Arthur of Tasmania also supported the idea. Forty-eight years later, in 1885, John Batman negotiated a treaty with the Kulin people but this was declared invalid by the Governor of Victoria as it was carried out by a private citizen rather than the Crown. Little more was heard of treaties for nearly 100 years.

Mabo: history and nation

By GEOFFREY BARKER and MARGARET EASTERBROOK, Canberra

The Federal Government's historic Mabo legislation will become law from 1 January after a deal between the Government, Democrats and Greens guaranteed its safe passage through the Senate early today.

The bill, 18 months in the making, was passed shortly after midnight, 34 votes to 30.

Aboriginal leaders in the public gallery immediately rose and gave the vote a standing ovation. Labor, Democrat and Green senators stood and applauded with them while Opposition senators, who had engaged in a marathon stalling of the Native Title Bill over the previous six days, remained seated.

The bill is expected to become law on New Year's Day, but it could yet face a High Court challenge from one or more state governments.

Earlier last night, the Prime Minister, Mr Keating, hailed the impending passage of the legislation as "a great day for Indigenous Australians".

"It is the end of the great lie of terra nullius and the beginning, we all

GEOFFREY BARKER

"Finally, and painfully, Australia started to come to terms with its Indigenous people yesterday. The political deal that assured passage of the Government's Mabo legislation was an event that made this country a fairer place. The legislation itself will stand as a monument to the Keating Government that steered it into law."

PAGE 4: Comment.

hope, of a new deal — the basis of social justice and reconciliation," he said.

Mr Keating acknowledged that implementation of the legislation would "have its teething problems" but said the Government would give priority to building the institutions to let it work.

The Opposition Leader, Mr Hewson, said yesterday's decision to gallop the Senate debate after 60 hours was "a day of shame for the Australian Parliament". He said the legislation would prove to be a disaster for Australia.

The Native Title Bill provides legislation to implement last year's High

KEY COMPONENTS

- All existing freehold leases, will be secured
- Except for validation, Aborigines will have to
- A judicial system will be their own tribunals or be
- The federal and state go already been extinguished
- A land acquisition fund will be
- Dispossessed but who will
- Aboriginal support groups
- General will have to use
- A joint parliamentary com

Court judgment, which Aboriginal title to land in European settlement. It is doctrine of terra nullius, that Australia belonged to fore European settlement.

Under the legislation, all freehold and almost all past mining leasehold titles will be against native title claims. The legislation sets up a tribunal system to assess Aboriginal claims to native title. It also establishes a land acquisition fund to help dispossessed Ab to buy land.

Yesterday's deal between

vic purposes. aboriginal leaders l as "the most im he process of re n black and whi he chair of the Abc Strait Islander C is O'Donoghue, sai panted in the Opposi rner and parliame d lack of construct and few days". he appealed to th v "generosity of : envisaged would b the impleme

The historic 1992 Mabo judgement overturned the concept of terra nullius, reopening treaty concepts.

In 1975 the Senate unanimously passed a resolution put by Senator Bonner urging the Australian Government to acknowledge prior ownership of Australia by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and to introduce legislation to compensate them for dispossession of their land.

In the lead up to the Bicentennial celebrations, in September 1987, then Prime Minister Bob Hawke said that he would like to see the Bicentenary produce some sort of understanding or compact with Aboriginal people whereby the Australian community recognised its obligations to rectify some of the injustices of the previous 200 years.

You can read more from the Council for Reconciliation here:

The issue continues to stay alive with this acknowledgement by Prime Minister Tony Abbott who spoke about such matters in Parliament last year (2012) in a speech in support of a Bill for the recognition for Aboriginal peoples. He has not positively sup-

ported the idea of a treaty but has spoken in a way that recognises the need to change.

He said: "Australia is a blessed country. Our climate, our land, our people, our institutions rightly make us the envy of the earth; except for one thing – we have never fully made peace with the first Australians. This is the stain on our soul that prime minister Keating so movingly evoked at Redfern 21 years ago.

"We have to acknowledge that pre-1788, this land was as Aboriginal then as it is Australian now and until we have acknowledged that, we will be an incomplete nation and a torn people.

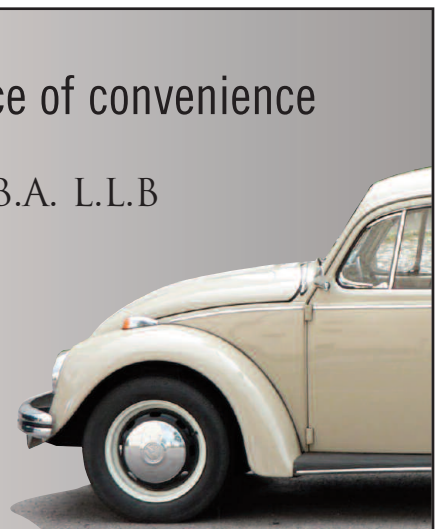
"We only have to look across the Tasman to see how it all could have been done so much better. Thanks to the Treaty of Waitangi in New Zealand two peoples became one nation." [See George Williams online.]

To be continued ..

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Modi's "minor tinkering" may dim Indian trade prospects

The Foreign Trade Policy of India's Modi government, announced by trade minister Nir-mala Sitharaman last month, represents business as usual. It aims at only incremental change rather than the bold new beginning that is needed if India is to lead in trade.

India cannot aspire to be a global leader while it commands a mere 2% share in global trade. This may rise to 3.5% with the new policy's target of raising total exports from US\$465.9 billion in 2013-14 to US\$900 billion by 2020-21. But even this will not deliver status of a major export power. India will have to do even better than the annual export growth rate of 15% envisaged by the Modi government's policy.... Even that is a somewhat cautious target, which will not allow India to exploit the full potential of external demand for generating employment and expanding domestic manufacturing capacities.

The projected growth rate is significantly – and inexplicably – lower than the 21% rate achieved by Indian exporters between 2005-06 and 2010-11. In China between 2003 and 2010 its exports went from US\$438 billion to US\$1,578 billion at a compound annual growth rate of more than 30%. Thus, exports were US\$2.2 trillion in 2013 and accounted for 11.7 % of global exports – nearly five times India's performance.

But the Indian policy does, to its credit, include some steps towards simplifying the system of rewards or incentives for exporters. It introduces the Merchandise Exports from India and Service Exports from India schemes. These bring together a some existing schemes. It also makes rewards payable in the form of duty credit scrip, which are freely transferable, and can be used to pay for customs and excise duties, as well as service tax.

These incentives are also made available to entities operating from Special Economic Zones (SEZs).

But even though it was nine months in the making, the new policy leaves several well-known constraints unaddressed. SEZs continue to be subjected to the minimum alternate tax that was imposed on them in 2011. The merchandise export scheme comes with a non-eligibility list of 19 criteria; small- and medium-sized exporters will still be plagued by inspectors and miss out on

good access to formal credit....

Strategically, there are three major omissions from the new program.

1. The absence of a policy to ramp up foreign tourism, an area in which India is truly a poor performer. With its meagre 7.5 million foreign tourist arrivals a year, India is losing out on a major employment expansion opportunity.

2. The neglect in the small and medium business sector – responsible for 45% of manufacturing output and 40% of total exports – which receives only cursory treatment without any tangible steps to integrate firms into global value chains or improve access to needed technologies and markets.

3. The policy leaves a panoply of export promotion and facilitation institutions virtually untouched, though most of them don't contribute much to export effort.– Source: Rajiv Kumar, senior fellow, Centre for Policy Research, India

Right to anonymity in Papua

A long-standing defence of anonymity in material written by the public for newspapers or radio, or on public media – e-mail and the like – is getting a vigorous airing again in Papua-New Guinea

This is in the face of a recent newspaper editorial that advocated legislation against it. That paper, it turns out, is owned by Malaysian logging operations with an interest in Papua-New Guinea.

Loud defenders of the argument to preserve the use of assumed names, say Papua's small communities exposes sincere critics to undue intimidation. The nation of 6,300,00 which is 20th in size among Commonwealth members, has an urban population of only 37%. It also is home to a populace using about 800 languages.

Chinese fighter jets to Pakistan

Pakistan has been shopping for aircraft weaponry and more.

Media stories last month reported that the Pakistan Air Force has made a deal to buy from China 110 of the latest JF-17 Thunder fighter jets from China.

It's more clear evidence as the two nations are building closer economic and defence cooperation ties, as a result of President Xi Jinping's visit to Islamabad last month

Radio Pakistan reports that the first batch of 50 jets will be delivered over three years.

The Head of Chinese Aircraft Industry told a Chinese daily that under the contract signed between the two countries, Pakistan

will receive a total of 110 JF-17 Thunder fighter aircraft from China. The delivery date on the other 60 jets is not clear.

The JF-17 Thunder is also built in Pakistan as China has already transferred its technology. But the government said it needs more jets sooner for its fight against Taliban militants.

Xi also opened a \$US46-billion economic corridor to link China's western region to Pakistan's Gwadar port on the Arabian Sea.

During Xi's visit, a fleet of eight JF-17 jets escorted the special aircraft of the Chinese president when it entered Pakistan's airspace. Other reports said the two countries signed 51 agreements to boost economic cooperation during Xi's trip. And reports still circulate that China will provide eight of its latest submarines to Pakistan, more than doubling its fleet. The deal is worth \$US4-5 billion.

Pakistan army in secret talks to nudge Taliban towards peace

Top military and intelligence officials in Pakistan have begun pressing the Taliban to sit down for face-to-face discussions with the Afghan government.

The aim is to open a path for direct peace talks for the first time since the start of the American-led invasion in 2001. Western and Afghan officials briefed on the discussions in Kabul last week, said the Pakistani delegation, led by the nation's army chief of staff, noted the Taliban appeared willing to meet for negotiations in the coming months.

If true, that would be a sharp reversal both for the insurgents, who have fought a deadly 13-year campaign against the government, and for the Pakistani military, which has long been accused of nurturing the Afghan Taliban as proxies.

Enjoy.

Murray Burt writes this column to raise sensitivities to the Commonwealth's value and to lift the curtain on our understanding of a third of the population of the world. The Commonwealth name and significance is rarely mentioned in daily news, he says. It should be.

Burt is president of the Manitoba branch of the Royal Commonwealth Society; past president of the Commonwealth Journalists Association; secretary of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada advisory board; Hon LCol of the 78th Fraser Highlanders; a senator of the 166th Battery RCA (Kenora) and a director of The Intrepid Society. He is retired from more than 50 years of journalism.



Spur-winged Plover



Killdeer and child" by NTox -
[More online.]

Plovers

I was delighted recently to notice a pair of Killdeer in our neighbourhood – in a corner of the old Southwood Golf course. I have seen them in the general area over the years, but got worried when the new Blue Bombers stadium meant that their former territory was paved over. Hopefully the new owners of their current habitat, the University of Manitoba, will leave enough open space in their development plan for the little battlers to feel secure and return again.

These small members of the Charadriidae family were named Charadrius vociferous by Linnaeus and were given their common name by someone who thought their call sounded like “kill deer”. I prefer to think they’re calling “still here!”

They are well known for nesting in open places, where they can keep an eye on any approaching danger. Also for the “broken wing” act they perform to distract intruders away from their nest, which no doubt influenced a scientific name derived from “charade”.

Their larger cousin downunder, the Spur-winged Plover, *Vanellus miles novaehollandiae*, is a bit bolder – come close and you’ll be aggressively swooped on with the intent to injure using the sharp barb on the bird’s wing.

I can attest that such attacks are not amusing, but I had to laugh at the sight of the tough blue-heeler cattle dog that was with me when it was on the receiving end – on his back, legs kicking and whimpering like a pup!

This species, a.k.a. the Masked Lapwing for its distinctive yellow wattle/face-mask, is now also regarded as native to New Zealand,

having introduced itself there from Eastern Australia in the 1930’s.

There’s a shorebird relative also – the Hooded Plover, or Dotterel – but that’s another story.

Gabrielle Bryden has captured the image of these birds well in her poem:

Australian Masked Lapwing (Plover)

*Quick steps, quick steps
masked lapwings two, in concert brisk
like law lords at court, in deep
conversation, natter, natter, natter
what’s the matter?
guilty I say
what say you?
natter, natter, natter
parading grandeur,
doubly resplendent, in feathered robes,
the legal garb,
with hands clasped, in arrears
handcuffed,
dress pinned, perhaps
busy day, busy day
must be on our quick step way
kak, kak
kak, kak, kak*

[More online]



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