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THE REMARKABLE ISLAND OF RICHARD HOWE

Only about 350 Aussies live on this extinct volcano which broke away from Gondwana millions of years ago... a speck of land hundreds of kilometres out in the ditch.

☞ Alan looks at its discovery by HMS *Supply*, its settlement, the whaling industry, seaplane crashes and ship wrecks. There's anecdotes of the island's internal economy, worldwide Kentia Palm exports, and its role in Australia's defence.

GOVERNOR MACQUARIE AND ME

Many know something about Lachlan Macquarie's achievements in colonial NSW. Few know about the making of the man... or his final destruction by political "wannabies". ☞ Alan relates the emotional story about

a lad from Scotland's Inner Hebrides and his arrival at Terra Australis. ☞ Much is from Macquarie and

Maclean Clan records, and all is supported by seldom seen pictures and paintings.

LACHLAN MACQUARIE



TRAVELLING WEST

The years immediately following WWII were a period of social upheaval for many Australians. Families tried to reorganise. Many returned soldiers sought the peace and quiet of the country. The romantic imagery of "the outback" took on stronger importance.

☞ Alan relates humorous stories about true-blue "bush society" ... a style of camaraderie — mostly lost to today's generation.



WHAT OTHERS SAID. Alan has been a guest speaker at our Lions Club on two occasions. His presentation, information and historical knowledge create an atmosphere of "being there". Following numerous member requests, he is now booked to visit us for a third

time... a man with great presentations, interesting facts and who leaves a lasting impression on his audience.

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WHAT OTHERS SAID

Your last talk at our Probuc Club was exceptionally well received. It is obvious that you do a vast amount of research on your subject, which makes each presentation not only entertaining but also very educational. We don't hear enough about our Aussie history. There should be more of before it disappears into the past and is forgotten. Your presentations are so well done that there is nothing I can add in the way of constructive criticism. Keep up the great work. We hope to hear you again in the not too distant future.

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SPLICE THE MAINBRACE Rum has been an integral part of powerful navies of the world; a sedative for childbirth; anaesthesia prior to surgical procedures; a substitute system of currency; a preventative for *Scurvy* disease; and a "contra" for infra-structure development. ☞ Hear from Alan why the Brits are known as *Limeys*—the Dutch gave you courage—and learn the real truth about sweet Fanny Adams.

*This talk can also incorporate a "Rum-tasting": ideal for a **PARTNER'S NIGHT** and which may add about five minutes to the presentation. Guests get to taste the naval "rum issue" of yesteryear, Admiral Vernon's "grog", then Vitamin C supplemented rum.*



COBB & CO



THE LIGHTS OF COBB & CO This talk brings to life the human side of Cobb & Co — the powerful families who ran the empire, their larger-than-life personalities, private tragedies, the drivers who made the firm famous and the incredible hardships endured by passengers journeying into Australia's heartland. Cobb & Co provided the *best-of-the-best* travel and one of the world's most extensive coaching networks.

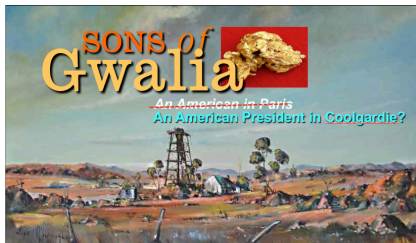
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...more overleaf



SONS OF GWALIA

(1800s development of WA's goldfields by US President)

The plan for another Aussie State; the coming of Afghan cameleers; the invention of the Coolgardie safe. We look at the mine's spectacular successful

development by Herbert Hoover, ultimately American President. The discovery of Tantalum, a rare metal used in mobile phones. During its tumultuous history, Sons of Gwalia produced 150 metric tonnes of gold with a value of A\$7.9 billion at 2012 prices.

WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID

"Enjoyed the talk and the level of detail. Denise, especially, is a history freak and can't get enough of it. It is such a detailed subject. Alan came across as being very knowledgeable on the topic and presented with a touch of humour, which the audience liked. His graphics were excellent, and made his story all the more authentic. He speaks well and really shines when relating his anecdotes. I'd give him 9/10." **XXXXXX (Business) Club**

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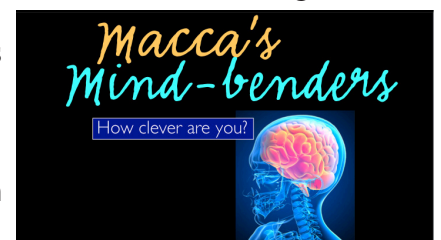


MACCA'S MIND GAMES (Little grey cells in overdrive.)

A range of entertaining "challenges" exploring problem perception, logic, intelligence, common-sense, local history, and an understanding of English as a living language. Alan has us look at how the meaning of words has changed over centuries. Rather than just passively listening to a speaker, this "fun" presentation is ideal for **PARTNER'S NIGHT** or special get-togethers aimed at generating active participation. *You decide if it's individual or group competition. Great reference source for "fine" sessions. Macca's Mind-benders* can be tailored to suit club / organisation requirements: 20, 30, 45, 60 minutes.

Here's a couple of examples...Every evening a man gets into the lift in an apartment block, goes up to the 10th floor, then gets out of the lift and walks up another two flights of stairs to the 12th floor where he lives. Why?

You are lost in the Snowies during a blizzard and will die from hypothermia unless you can find a source of heat. You find an old bush shack where, in the darkness, you find an oil heater, a kerosene lamp, and a wood stove. There's a matchbox but only one match left. Which should you light first to save your life?



EARLY ACHIEVERS

Our present Western Civilization, has only been under way as a "technological phenomenon" for as little as 300 years.

Alan helps us to appreciate earlier cultures, including— Tiahunaco, Aroi Sun Kingdom, Osiria, Rama Empire of India, Ancient Ethiopia. These civilisations (most of which have totally disappeared) have given us — cities, towns, arches, roads, canals, education systems, hydroponic gardens, plumbing-sewage systems, paper, paper money, relatively sophisticated weapons of war, earthquake detectors, beginnings of rocket technology, printing methods, and other clever and high-tech items... *and all without the internet!*

G'D ONYA, SNOWY

The most significant attempt to date to improve our nation's supply of dependable water and eco-friendly electricity. How gold opened the area; the first ski club in the world; the assimilation of early migrants plus ongoing environmental concerns. Alan entertains with anecdotes of being amongst the earliest to attempt the infamous Geehi Wall and cross the Alpine Way during construction.



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SOURCES OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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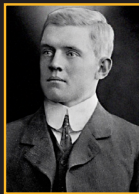
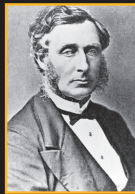
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Larrikins & LEADERS



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LARRIKINS AND LEADERS. The little-known personal achievements of ten men and women whose vision, aptitude, talent, and drive between the mid-1800s and mid-1900s put Australia into the headlines of the world...writers and researchers... soldiers and social-workers... inventors and innovators... film producers and politicians. These are just a few of those who helped shape the Australia we know and love today.

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