

#### 4 月度木曜例会 (2014/04/03)

本日のゲストスピーカーはおなじみのMr. Norm Boniface (Australia) ノームさんの方が呼びやすいでしょうか、なんと6度目のご登場です。2年前Aged Care, 3年前 Australia - What you should know about it. そしてWhat's your bucket list? 父上との中東旅行、その前は時の首相Kevin RuddのSaying Sorry to the Stolen generationでした。さらに今回のタイトルがTony Abbott - Prime Minister of Australia、2013年からの首相です。Kevin Rudd(2007~2010), Julia Gillard

(2010~2013)共にLabor PartyからLiberal Partyへのチェンジです。ところでノームさんなんとなくTony Abbottをあまり好きではないようです。まあよその国の政治に関しとやかく詮索する事は避けてトレビアの部分をピックアップしてみます。My talk today is about Australia and is a dedication to the people of Tohoku.そして何はともあれ詩を愛するノームさん、今回も詩人紹介からスタートです。



**Henry Lawson** (1867 –1922) was an Australian writer and poet. Along with his contemporary Banjo Paterson, Lawson is among the best-known Australian poets and fiction writers of the colonial period and is often called Australia's "greatest short story writer"

**A B "Banjo" Paterson** (1864–1941) was an Australian bush poet, journalist and author. He wrote many ballads and poems about Australian life, focusing particularly on the rural and outback areas, including the district around Binalong, New South Wales, where he spent much of his childhood. Paterson's more notable poems include "Waltzing Matilda",

**"Waltzing Matilda"** is Australia's most widely known bush ballad. A folk song, the song has been referred to as "the unofficial national anthem of Australia" The title is Australian slang for travelling by foot with one's belongings (waltzing, derived from the German *auf der Walz*) in a "Matilda" (bag) slung over one's back. The song narrates the story of an itinerant worker, or "swagman", making a drink of tea at a bush camp and capturing a sheep to eat. When the sheep's owner arrives with three police officers to arrest the worker for the theft, the worker commits suicide by drowning himself in the nearby watering hole, after which his ghost haunts the site.

そして毎回と言って良いほど紹介される My country by Dorothea Mackellar の詩です。

*I love a sunburnt country,  
A land of sweeping plains,  
Of ragged mountain ranges,  
Of droughts and flooding rains.  
I love her far horizons,  
I love her jewel-sea,  
Her beauty and her terror  
The wide brown land for me!*



ノームさんの説明の中からあまり難しくないポイントをランダムに列挙してみましよう。

### National Symbol

National Anthem “Advance Australia Fair” used on formal occasions only.

National Song “Waltzing Matilda” used at sporting competition & celebratory information occasions

National Flower “golden wattle (acacia)”

National Colours “green and gold”

National Animals “kangaroo & emu”

Wattle grows across Australia symbol of unity and can survive Australia’s droughts, floods, winds and bushfires. It represents the spirit of the Australian people—resilience.



### Some Unique Animals

**Koala** often called a bear but it is not! It is a marsupial, or pouched mammal. After giving birth, a female koala carries her baby in her pouch for about six months. When the infant emerges, it rides on its mother’s back or clings to her belly, going everywhere with her until it is about a year old.

**The Platypus** (kamonohashi) Egg-laying, milk-feeding Platypus lives in the east of Australia. It is shy and reclusive but NOT a threatened species, featured on the 20 cent coin.

**Echidna** is quite adaptable and common in Australia. It can live in most places- it’s robust, NOT threatened species, featured on the 5 cent coin.



The desert is just sleeping! Although much land is desert there are many things that grow in good seasons. Here are some seeds and nuts from the area around Alice Springs. The Aborigines understand what to choose and how to cook, just ask them!

### Contemporary indigenous art

Emily Kama Kngwarreye was an Australian Aboriginal artist of a community in the Northern Territory. She was one of the most prominent & successful artists in the history of contemporary indigenous Australian art. Started painting at 80 years, produced 3000 paintings in 8 years.



### Gossip about Tony Abbott

Some say he is “right wing” with very conservative views- a “hardliner”

Some say he is a “populist” with an eye on the next election.

Some say he “hates unionism” because it “winds too much power”





Some say we need a “strong, business-focused government at this time”

### Claiming victory

Some of Abbott’s first words in claiming victory on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013: “For just the seventh time in 60 years, the government of Australia has changed. The Coalition has won—and I can inform you that the Australian Labor Party’s vote is at the lowest level in more than 100 years.”

### Some of his first words as PM

“Australia is once more open for business!”

This is a play on words with two messages: 1) His government will support business rather than unions and 2) Previous gov’t was too controlling and his gov’t will be less restrictive (with less regulation, less control).

### The day after.....

The day after his election Abbott got back to his regular exercise regime....cycling.

Tony Abbott tells reporters outside his home “today is just another day and there’s going to be a fair bit of solid work this morning”.



**TPP** も話題になりましたがその中からお米に関して

Rice.... Some statistics

Australia supports 60 major international destinations, including countries in the Middle East, North America and Asia.

In non.drought years, up to 80% of Australian rice is exported...represents about 2% of world trade, and 25% of medium grain trade.

The Australian rice industry operates without any production or export subsidies...unlike most of its major competitions.

Australian rice competes on international markets against subsidized product and is prohibited from free entry into many countries because of trade barriers.

さて政治経済の話はこれくらいにしておきましょう。今日はサプライズ企画があります。30周年記念に Minneapolis から Mary さんご夫妻も出席され、知り合いになった人も多いことと思います。さらに英語学習では参加者全員あちらで大変お世話にもなりました。3日前に再来日、ご夫妻も例会に出席してもらい例会後ノームさんも一緒にランチを、そして満開の桜を皆で堪能しようではないか！という企画です。多くの会員が参加し番外編を思い切り楽しみました。その光景写真のいくつかです。



皆さん幸せ！の笑顔、笑顔。



