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"A successful person fails more times than an unsuccessful person"

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Wealth in the Sepik river region:

The definition of wealth in western world is the accumulation of assets property, shares etc. In most parts of the world, there is limited opportunity to accumulate wealth by of purchasing property, therefore wealth is regarded in other types of tangible assets. My son and I explored the wild Sepik river of northern Papua New Guinea, and where privileged to meet the tribal people and learn from them some of their traditions and customs. After being warned by the PNG authorities of the dangers of just the two of us traveling through what has been described as the last frontier of the world. We were dropped off by a local boat at the junction of the mighty sepik river and the Bismark sea. The area is the home of the Watem tribe. After lengthy negotiations with the chieftain, a boat and six guides were supplied, equipped with axes and machetes for protection against raskels [pirates] we were then escorted into this last frontier of the world, where people of the region still hold onto traditions and cultures unchanged for thousands of years. The Watem tribe had a population 20 years ago of 700 people unfortunately due to malaria I was told it is now around 400 people.

We explored three major river systems traveling by open boats, dug out canoes on two occasions, meeting these wonderful people and learning about their cultures and traditions. What is regarded wealth to the sepik river

people is a different definition of wealth to most Australians. Besides the traditional ownership of pigs [livestock] that is regarded a form of wealth, it was the carvings, masks, totem poles, story boards, dug out canoes, drums that hold huge value of wealth for these river people for thousands of years. Their history is handed down with stories carved into timber, or the carved masks that all have their individual personality of ones clan and story. Totem poles with the pok pok man who is half crocodile half man, or the carvings of crocodile heads positioned at the front of their dug out canoes.



Carving of a crocodiles head on dug out canoe



Story boards, carvings & masks

There is limited opportunity to own land in the sepik river region, as it is custodian owned by the many tribes and clans, and the valuable tangible assets are the stories documented by means of carvings. At one stage when we paddled into a tribal village there was the sound of the ancient drums welcoming or might have been warning of our arrival. I was privileged to be shown what I would describe as similar to the Chinese dragon but with a mask instead of a head. This was the greatest of assets for this tribe, used in ceremony for hundreds of years. One wonders if the origins of this idea came from China, or these people invented it. During the second world war the Japanese open fired from their planes, massacring many innocent people. I was shown a drum they still use today, with a Japanese bullet hole through it.



Ancient drum, with a Japanese bullet hole



Ceremonial dragon Watem tribe

25% Reduction Geelong Property:

I am offering a 25 % reduction on a Geelong property / Advertisement sign, originally on the market at \$44,000 now available for \$33,000 GST included and offering terms over two years, 10% down = \$3,300 take possession, interest free for 12 months. Ideal for a person who can see the opportunity of creating this property into a rent out advertisement space project. **Please email me requesting the information memorandum.**

Australians are now the wealthiest people in the world:

A recent study by Suisse credit 2012 global wealth report, please cut & paste for your free copy.

https://infocus.credit-suisse.com/data/_product_documents/_shop/368327/2012_global_wealth_report.pdf

The report clearly shows the medium Australian is now worth \$194,000. This report takes into account the medium Australians assets minus liabilities and measures their net worth against other countries population per capita. Our wealth clearly is the result of our property market. Switzerland is in second place at \$85,000.

1.5 million Australians are in the top 1% of the worlds wealthiest, if ones net worth is close to \$700,000 Aus you are part of the 1% of the worlds wealthiest. If your net worth is only \$70,000 Aus you still are in the top 10% of the worlds wealthiest.

“600 million people in the world live on less than \$3.50 a day how dare we complain”

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Kind regards
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