



**"Lifestyle, Recreation, Farming, Investment & Residential Pursuits"**

*"It's the action that's important,  
you may never know what results come from your action,  
But if you do nothing, there will be no results"*

*Mahatma Gandhi*

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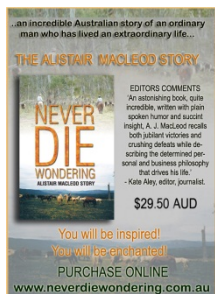
**The Taj Mahal**

The greatest building on earth, or the most over capitalised property? The photo above is taken at dawn, with the first light over the Taj Mahl. An awesome experience to witness the changing colours of this magnificent building as the sun rises. The building was completed in 1640 by Emperor Shah Jahan. It was built in honor of his deceased wife Mumtaz Mahal who died during the birth of their 14<sup>th</sup> child. The Taj Mahl was built over her tomb. It is believed it had taken 20 years to build, with 20,000 people in the work force. The marble was quarried 500 km away and transported to the site with elephants. On the completion of this magnificent building the architect was rewarded with this masterpiece he created, treasures of gold and gifted a fortune for a comfortable retirement. Then Emperor Shan Jahan's had the architects hands removed as he would never be able to assist anyone else to build a similar building.

The cost of the building and the 20 years in the making crippled the economy of Northern India of the time, Shah Jahan was removed from the Emperors position and replaced by his son. He was then ordered to be kept as a prisoner [house arrest] in the Red fort opposite side on the Yamuna river from The Taj Mahl of where he died a depressed person.

Due to this over capitilised property, the world has a magnificent building to admire, but one cannot help wonder of the sacrifice of many people creating this magnificent building. In todays world so many people do the same thing as Shah Jahan, spend the family's wealth on excessive living, Mac Mansions as an example, Land has doubled in Australia every 7 to 10 years. Buildings in most cases depreciate in value. I think we all can learn from Shah Jahan.

## My Free Gift To You



As a Christmas present to you, for being on my data base I would like to give you my e-book of NEVER DIE WONDERING, If you would like the e-book please email me at [info@ajmacleod.com](mailto:info@ajmacleod.com) with the word NDW prior to the 25<sup>th</sup> December 2012. And it's yours free.

**I would like to wish you a Merry Xmas and all the best for the New Year, I plan to spend my time on the water, sailing my small yacht "Sheiling" THE FEELING OF FREEDOM**



**Never Die Wondering**

**Kind regards  
Alistair MacLeod**

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