

# pathways

FROM THE DESK OF SARINA BRATTON, MANAGING DIRECTOR

*to our valued orion guests . . .*

Dear *pathways* guest,

I am very excited to advise you that we are about to double the size of our fleet with the long term charter of another specialised expedition cruise ship!

After two years of searching we have at last found the right ship to join *Orion* - *Clelia II*, a 100 passenger all-suite expedition ship, similar to *Orion* in many ways. Under the current owners, she has just had a A\$21 million technical and environmental systems upgrade, and will also undergo additional cosmetic enhancements when Orion Expedition Cruises takes over, to bring her fully into the *Orion* style to meet our (and your!) exacting requirements. She will be renamed *Orion II*.

*Orion II* will commence expedition voyages under our Orion Expedition Cruises banner in May 2011.

Our inaugural voyage will be an exciting 24 -night voyage from Vancouver to Kushiro, Japan, exploring Alaska, the Aleutian Islands, the Kamchatka Peninsula of the Russian Far East, through the Kuril Islands to Japan - in our *Orion* way, very much a *path less travelled*. We are still finalising our full deployment for 2011 so we do not have a final itinerary, firm departure date or prices as yet - however these will be ready in late January 2010 and shared with you at that time. If you would like to register for our waitlist please call your travel agent or our reservation team on +612 9033 8777.

Our voyages will primarily operate in Japan and South East Asia, with a wide range of expeditions that will include Inland Sea of Japan, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, the Indonesian archipelago and Borneo.

Thanks to your ongoing support and feedback, Orion Expedition Cruises has continued to go from strength to strength. We are presently evaluating possible itineraries in these countries and again we seek your valuable input to guide our decisions.

We wish to conduct some research to gauge interest and demand for the range of itineraries. We would be grateful if you could spare a few minutes to read through the concept itineraries over the next few pages and fill out the enclosed questionnaire to help us with that research and provide us with your feedback on our concept itineraries and other future destinations. You may even win yourself an Orion Expedition to your favourite destination!

Details of destinations and itineraries will be released in 2010 once your feedback is received along with our expedition team scouting reports.



## INLAND SEA OF JAPAN 11 Night Kobe to Aomori

- Day 1** KOBE  
Embark. There are regular flights from Tokyo airport to Kobe airport.
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- Day 2** Cruise the Inland Sea  
Enjoy scenic cruising
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- Day 3** Hiroshima/Miyajima  
Itsukushima is famous for the Itsukushima Shrine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
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- Day 4** Uwajima/Inland Sea  
Uwajima has a famous Date Museum which features many historically important objects tied to the history of the region and the Daimyo family Date which ruled this area.
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- Day 5** Nagasaki  
Nagasaki became a major Imperial Japanese Navy base during the First Sino-Japanese War and Russo-Japanese War.
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- Day 6** Busan, South Korea  
The main attraction is Kyongju (Gyeongju), a UNESCO world heritage site, and centre of the Silla Kingdom from the 7th to the 9th Century. There's also a fantastic fish market.
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- Day 7** Hagi  
In the medieval period, Hagi was dominated by the wild monkey clan, who built Hagi Castle, of which the ruins can be visited today. This wonderful little town is famous for its craft pottery (hagi-yaki).
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- Day 8** Sakai Ko  
We will be greeted by a welcome performance involving live eels. Guests will go up the coast to Matsue, with its old Samurai quarter, and the home of Lafcadio Hearne.
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- Day 9** Kanazawa  
Kenrokuen Garden is by far the most famous part of Kanazawa. Originally built as the outer garden of Ishikawa castle, it was opened to the public in 1875. It is considered one of the "three most beautiful gardens in Japan" and is filled with a variety of trees, ponds, waterfalls and flowers stretching over 25 acres.
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- Day 10** Mano, Sado Island  
We will visit this region due to both its rich history and its relaxed rural atmosphere. The island has several temples and ruins remnant of its past, and offers possibilities for various outdoor activities including taiko drumming and sake making.
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- Day 11** Cruise sea of Japan  
Scenic cruising
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- Day 12** AOMORI, Honshu  
Disembark. Multiple daily flights to Tokyo and other major Japanese airports.

## THAILAND, CAMBODIA & VIETNAM – featuring overnight at Angkor Wat 7 Night Bangkok to Ho Chi Minh

- Day 1** BANGKOK  
Embark and overnight in the capital of Thailand. *Orion II* will be berthed in the city centre.
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- Day 2** Bangkok  
Bangkok boasts some of the country's most visited historical venues such as the Grand Palace, Wat Pho, and Wat Arun.
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- Day 3** Ko Kut/Ko Raet  
Our Zodiacs will take you on an exploration into the interior of Ko Kut following a meandering mangrove river all the way to a small waterfall. The ship will relocate to a small offshore coral island, just off the coast of Ko Kut. Snorkelling and swimming over the fringing reef is possible here.
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- Day 4-5** Sihanoukville (for Angkor Wat)  
The ship will berth at Sihanoukville to allow us access to the World Heritage Listed temples of Angkor Wat. Our overnight package will include flights to Siem Reap and accommodation and the chance to explore the ancient temples. Options to explore Ton Le Sap, the inland sea of the Mekong will also be available.
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- Day 6** Phu Quoc Island  
The majority of Phu Quoc Island is dedicated to National Park and protected marine environment, providing a memorable experience, with plenty of exciting activities including experiencing the culture of Vietnam at the local market and relaxing on a remote stunning beach.
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- Day 7** Can Tho Mekong Delta  
The last part of the trip will venture into the Mekong Delta where guests will experience the famous floating markets of the Mekong.
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- Day 8** HO CHI MINH CITY  
Disembark

**VIETNAM – World Heritage Sites & History  
9 Night Ho Chi Minh to Hanoi (Haiphong)**

<b>Day 1</b>	HO CHI MINH CITY Embark for overnight onboard. <i>Orion II</i> will be berthed in the city centre.
<b>Day 2</b>	Ho Chi Minh City The influence of the former French colonial masters is still evident with wide elegant boulevards and historical colonial buildings. As we depart the city, the vessel will travel along the fascinating Saigon River with its bustling commercial river traffic and interesting sites.
<b>Day 3</b>	Nha Trang An exclusive Nha Trang village tour is included in our visit. Enjoy snorkelling and swimming to discover the marine life of Mun Island - the best place in Vietnam for marine biodiversity with over 200 different types of corals.
<b>Day 4</b>	Baie de Cu Mon A true expedition stop with Zodiac cruising and a visit to a traditional fishing village.
<b>Day 5</b>	My Son (Da Nang) World Heritage listed Cham Ruins of My Son. The Chams were Hindus of central Vietnam who were basically displaced by warring ethnic Vietnamese in the 19th Century.
<b>Day 6</b>	Hoi An (Da Nang) Hoi An, another of Vietnam's World Heritage sites, was one of the orient's major trading ports in the 16th and 17th centuries. We will offer walking tours of the old quarter and cycling tours of the nearby village.
<b>Day 7</b>	Hue (Chan May) Hue is perhaps best known for its historic monuments, which have earned it a place in the UNESCO's World Heritage sites. Also a significant battle ground during the Vietnam War with the battle of Hue taking place here.
<b>Day 8</b>	At sea
<b>Day 9</b>	Halong Bay The bay features thousands of limestone karsts and isles in various sizes and shapes making it a perfect location for Zodiac cruising.
<b>Day 10</b>	HANOI (HAIPHONG) Disembark. Regular international flights to a variety of locations.

**BORNEO - On The Trail of the White Rajahs  
8 Night Singapore to Kuching**

<b>Day 1</b>	SINGAPORE - Embark
<b>Day 2</b>	Tanjung Pinang, Bintan Island The old town was built in traditional local fashion on stilts over the water. This truly is a unique paradise with nearby beaches only a small distance away.
<b>Day 3</b>	Bawah Islands Coral reefs surrounding the islands provide excellent opportunities to snorkel with a unique variety of marine life.
<b>Day 4</b>	Anambas Islands Spectacular coral reefs, beautiful beaches and high water visibility provide excellent snorkelling.
<b>Day 5</b>	Natuna Archipelago Offers unspoiled beaches and a landscape and a culture that is absolutely worth a visit.
<b>Day 6</b>	Tanjung Datu NP Interesting natural features with splendid rain forest and unique coral reefs make the park an exceptionally significant area for biodiversity. The park is also described as the "Heaven of Borneo" by foreign visitors.
<b>Day 7</b>	Santubong / Kuching Wetlands Interesting site for bird watching. Described as a unique living museum, Sarawak Cultural Village offers the culture, arts and crafts of the State's many ethnic groups in a 7 hectare site tucked away on the foothills of the legendary Mount Santubong.
<b>Day 8</b>	Bako National Park With its rainforest abundant wildlife, jungle streams, waterfalls, interesting plant life, secluded beaches and trekking trails, Bako offers visitors an excellent introduction to the rainforest of Borneo.
<b>Day 9</b>	KUCHING Disembark. Regular flights to Singapore and Kuala Lumpur.

**BORNEO - Rajahs, Riches, Rainforests & Reefs  
10 Night Kuching to Kota Kinabalu**

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<b>Day 5</b>	Bintulu Area for Simalajau NP The natural attractions of the area include fast flowing streams with rapids in the upper reaches set amidst a cool jungle setting.
<b>Day 6</b>	At sea
<b>Day 7</b>	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei The Mosque is very welcoming and the Kampong Ayer (the water village) is a beautiful sight to see hundreds of houses seemingly floating on water. Brunei Museum on the Kota Batu road has an excellent display in the Islamic Art Gallery.
<b>Day 8</b>	Ulu Temburong National Park Regarded by many as the best preserved tropical rainforest on Borneo. The park includes a range of wilderness habitats, from lowland forest and jungle rainforest, to montane forest at an elevation of almost 2000 metres.
<b>Day 9</b>	Pulau Labuan Boasts some nice cultural touches and landmarks.
<b>Day 10</b>	Pulau Tiga Continuous volcanic activity has taken place over the last hundred years, and still continues in the form of bubbling mud and escaping methane gas. It's still a quiet and relaxing place to visit, blessed with fine sandy beaches, a network of walking trails and good snorkelling throughout the year.
<b>Day 11</b>	KOTA KINABALU Disembark. Regular flights to Singapore and Kuala Lumpur.

## **BORNEO - Secrets of Sabah 10 Night Kota Kinabalu to Tawau**

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<b>Day 3</b>	Mantanani Islands The island is virtually unknown to most people, although the indigenous Ubian fishing tribe here have for years sighted dugongs.
<b>Day 4</b>	Pulau Layang Layang A coral atoll that is surrounded by waters teeming with a rich biodiversity of marine life ideal for snorkelling.
<b>Day 5</b>	At sea
<b>Day 6</b>	Selingan / Langkayan Island The park is a safe haven for the endangered green and hawksbill turtles and gives you the rare opportunity to watch turtle landings.
<b>Day 7</b>	Sandakan The area is infamous as the site of a World War II Japanese airfield, built by the forced labour of 6,000 Javanese civilians and Allied prisoners of war.
<b>Day 8</b>	Kinabatangan River (Sandakan) The number one reason to come here is the wildlife, and the Kinabatangan is almost invariably a highlight of any nature-lovers trip to Sabah. We will overnight here in a lodge on the shore.
<b>Day 9</b>	Kinabatangan River (Sandakan) A river cruise will take us to the lower Kinabatangan which offers an incredible opportunity to see a large range of wildlife including Borneo's unique proboscis monkeys, the wild Orangutan, Bornean Pigmy elephants, crocodiles, otters, bears, wild cats and countless rare and beautiful birds such as hornbills and the Oriental Darter.
<b>Day 10</b>	Sipadan, Mabul & Kapali Islands Mabul is arguably one of the richest single destinations for exotic small marine life anywhere in the world. Flamboyant cuttlefish, blue-ringed octopus, mimic octopus and bobtail squids are just a few of the numerous types of cephalopods to be found on Mabul's reef.
<b>Day 11</b>	TAWAU Disembark. Regular flights to Singapore and Kuala Lumpur.

## **BORNEO - Across the Wallace Line 10 Night Tawau to Bena (Bali)**

<b>Day 1</b>	TAWAU Embark. Regular flights to Singapore and Kuala Lumpur.
<b>Day 2</b>	Tarakan Tarakan was the site of battles between Allied and Japanese forces in 1942 and 1945.
<b>Day 3</b>	Derawan, Sangalakki and Maratua Islands Located in the global biodiversity hotspot, the Derawan Islands are featured by high diversity of reef fishes (872 species), corals (507 species), and invertebrates, including a considerable number of protected species (5 giants clam species, 2 sea turtles, coconut crab, etc) making it an exceptional snorkelling destination.
<b>Day 4</b>	Bontang region Kutai National Park is 200,000 hectares of natural habitat of rare tropical flora and fauna. Several species of animals exist in this national park, such as Orangutan, Bekantan Monkeys, honey bear, deer, Kalimantan rhinos, crocodiles and at least 300 bird species.
<b>Day 5</b>	Samarinda Two spectacular mosques dominate the view. Meandering through the stalls of the lively Citra Niaga market will fill the nostrils, ears and eyes with all the heady activity of Southeast Asia.
<b>Day 6</b>	Balikpapan Visit a jungle trail, trekking through dense foliage beneath the rainforest canopy. Spend a day with the orang Orangutan of Wanariset Samboja Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre. Samboja Lestari is home to one of the world's largest sun bear projects.
<b>Day 7</b>	Palu, Sulawesi Lore Lindu national Park attractions include ancient megalith relics, remote peaks, bird watching and the 3150 hectare lake.
<b>Day 8</b>	Pare Pare A large harbour which has a long history of maritime trade dating back hundreds of centuries. Sights include the boat statue which honours the maritime history of the city.
<b>Day 9</b>	Makassar, Sulawesi In this area you will find many great places for snorkelling with a huge variety of colourful fish and beautiful coral reefs.
<b>Day 10</b>	At Sea
<b>Day 11</b>	BENOA (BALI) Disembark

## **BORNEO - Borneo on the Wild Side 10 Night Bena (Bali) to Kuching**

<b>Day 1</b>	BENOA (BALI) Embark
<b>Day 2</b>	Kangean Islands A natural mangrove forestry with various animals including monkeys, komodos and snakes are found here in abundance.
<b>Day 3</b>	At Sea
<b>Day 4</b>	Kumai & Tanjung Puting NP The best known animals in Tanjung Puting are the Orangutans, made famous through the efforts of Orangutan Research and Conservation Program. Clouded leopards, civets, and Malaysian sun bears cavort in the park as do mouse deer, barking deer, sambar deer, and the wild cattle known as banteng.
<b>Day 5</b>	Karimata Island Karimata has a wide range of ecosystems, from mangroves and tropical rain forest in the lowlands to montane shrub land on the summit of the c.1000 metre mountain (a spectacular example of the Massenerhebung effect).
<b>Day 6</b>	Pontianak One of famous monuments in Indonesia is the equatorial line marked by the Equator monument, which shows the division between the northern and southern hemispheres.
<b>Day 7</b>	Pulau Penata Pulau Randayan is ideal for beaches and reef snorkelling.
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## INDONESIAN ARCHIPELAGO – SPICE ISLANDS

### 7 Night Bali to Bali

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<b>Day 2</b>	Badas, Sumbawa Visit Pamulung Village for a series of cultural events including buffalo racing. Enjoy a guided tour of the township visiting the house of the former Rajah and town markets.
<b>Day 3</b>	East Sumba We will have access to two separate villages and a significant cultural performance. Sumba has a wide variety of artefacts including exquisite ikat weaving - arguably the most elaborate in these islands - which will be available for purchase.
<b>Day 4</b>	Komodo Loh Liang is the entry point to the world renowned Komodo National Park. After landing on the beach we will be met by local Park Rangers and after a short briefing we will head off in search of the dragons. Enjoy swimming and snorkelling on Pink beach.
<b>Day 5</b>	Kelimutu Lakes, Flores This mountainous island boasts no less than 14 active volcanoes and the most breathtaking scenery can be found at the three crater lakes beneath the rim of Kelimutu volcano. When set against the surrounding rugged terrain, the view is nothing short of spectacular.
<b>Day 6</b>	Satonda Island and Kenanga Village Landing on the beach by Zodiac you will receive a traditional Sumbawanese welcome and have the opportunity to take a walk with the locals around their village. Satonda is an emerging volcano with a lake that has formed in its crater. There is a short walk to the crater with swimming and snorkelling from the beach.
<b>Day 7</b>	Gili Islands, Lombok A series of coral islands where the sand is still powdery white, the water a clear sparkling turquoise making it a great snorkelling location.
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<b>Day 3</b>	West Sumba Witness the Pasola Horseback Fighting Display. Pasola is the name of a unique, traditional spear fighting tournament, which is a ceremonial part of the Marapu religion. The Pasola tournament is performed by two groups of selected Sumbanese men who wear traditional costumes.
<b>Day 4</b>	Savu Islands About as remote as it gets in this part of the world, the tiny island of Savu sits beneath Sumba and above Timor in almost isolation. The Savunese people will display their culture for us in both performance and in the form of artworks including the woven ikat fabrics. Swimming and snorkelling will also be available.
<b>Day 5</b>	Alor Visit a traditional village demonstrating the Melanesian way of life on the island. Enjoy a visit to the Cultural Museum in town with a chance to wander through the markets which are dominated by Javanese migrants to the island, who sell a huge array of goods. There will be an opportunity to enjoy swimming and snorkelling.
<b>Day 6</b>	Dokar Village, Flores Our visit will include a visit to the mountain top Dokar Village where we will be greeted by local women lining the path to welcome us. A full traditional welcome, with offerings of Betel Nut and local Whiskey together with lively men's dances involving men being raised above the village to perform on top of Bamboo poles will follow.
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## LOOKING FORWARD TO 2010

Well, 2009 certainly has had its challenges for us all, however I am pleased to say *Orion* has weathered the year better than most in the travel industry. Yes it was more difficult filling the ship and our occupancies were not as high as that experienced in 2008 but we have managed to remain profitable and consolidate our position as the premier expedition ship and operation in Asia Pacific. My thanks go to all *pathways* members; your contribution has been critical to our success.

Interestingly, we are now experiencing record levels of enquiries and advance bookings for 2010 which reflects the typical resurgence the Australian travel industry experiences after a crisis.

We know how important it is to *pathways* members for us to regularly introduce new destinations to supplement our established and popular itineraries such as the Kimberley. In 2010, for the first time, *Orion* will be visiting every Australian State - plus Macquarie Island and Antarctica. Two coastal highlights voyages that include Victoria and South Australia in November will round out visits to every State and the Northern Territory.

### New for 2010:

- 6 remote and rarely visited island destinations in Papua New Guinea
- 3 new ports in the exotic Spice and Tanimbar Islands
- Orion's inaugural visit to Irian Jaya, famous worldwide for its vibrant Asmat Art woodcarvings
- New Australian coastal voyages from Cairns to Hobart including World Heritage listed marine parks, nature reserves, national parks and wilderness areas
- Inaugural voyages to Melbourne, the Limestone Coast, Kangaroo Island, Eyre Peninsula and Fleurieu Peninsula
- Christmas in New Zealand's spectacular Fiordland

We hope you find that there are plenty of choices to entice you back soon.

## ADDITIONAL DESTINATIONS ADDED FOR PNG EXPEDITIONS IN 2010

For those who truly seek a *path less travelled*, Australia's closest neighbour, Papua New Guinea, ranks as one of the world's most diverse and absorbing geographic and cultural destinations.

Impenetrably dense tropical rainforest, scattered islands, rugged terrain and active volcanoes conspire to make PNG difficult to explore but our purpose-built *Orion* provides the perfect base for those seeking adventures in this unspoilt paradise.

In March, April and October 2010 *Orion* returns to Papua New Guinea with five voyages to exciting ports-of-call including spectacular Lambom and Lamassa (visited for the first time in 2009 with guests reports that these are highlights of unspoilt wonder), and our inaugural visit to exciting Tingwon, Manus, Wuvulu, Sissano, Hansa Bay and Bagabag – newly uncovered by Justin Friend and described as offering exceptional cultural experiences.

Outside the main towns many villagers have still only been exposed to the western world through the workings of missionaries and occasional traders and so *Orion's* visits are of as great an interest to the locals as they are to our guests.

These expeditions appeal to those who are naturally curious, seeking intellectual stimulation through experiences far from the norm.

With numerous World War II sites of great significance, colourful colonial trading history, an extraordinary range of cultures and artwork, friendly villagers and outstanding crystal clear waters for swimming, snorkelling and diving, these expeditions attract a group of like-minded travellers who enjoy photography, marine biology, bird watching, anthropology, maritime and military history and the just plain curious.

Access to and from Rabaul in PNG has been simplified as we have arranged for Australian-operated charter flights between Cairns and Rabaul to assist in convenient transfers in both directions, meaning, in effect, the expeditions start and finish in Cairns.

More information on this exciting destination can be found in our new Papua New Guinea brochure. Please contact our reservation team or visit [www.orionexpeditions.com/png](http://www.orionexpeditions.com/png)



## WELCOME TO THE YOUNGEST MEMBER OF THE ORION FAMILY

Good news travels fast but some of you may not yet have heard that Steph and Darrin, our popular and hard working 'Just Married' couple (who tied the knot in January this year), are now proud parents!

Matthew James was born on the 31st October at the Woman's and Children's hospital in North Adelaide with a healthy birth weight of 3390gms. I am pleased to say that proceedings went smoothly enough that the very next day Steph was allowed to travel by car up to her local hospital in the Clare Valley for post natal recovery. (Well, what else would you expect from Steph?)

Of course both Darrin and Steph are delighted with their Halloween baby and would like to take this opportunity to pass on their thanks to all who sent their best wishes and congratulations.



## ORION'S SUPPORT FOR THE ANTARCTIC HERITAGE TRUST RECOGNISED

I have received a letter from Nigel Watson, Executive Director of the New Zealand based Antarctic Heritage Trust, thanking us for our support of the Trust and making special mention of funds raised during an onboard auction when *Orion* last visited the Ross Sea region.

The funds will be used to continue the fine work of the Trust's Ross Sea Heritage Restoration Project, including Sir Ernest Shackleton's base at Cape Royds (where over 5,000 artefacts have been preserved), and ongoing work at Captain Scott's base at Cape Evans.

Thanks go to all those involved in raising the funds to assist this worthwhile undertaking.

The Antarctic continent remains a strong *Orion* drawcard for adventurers lured by the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit the historic Antarctic explorer bases of Mawson, Scott and Shackleton. Our visits in the summer of 2011 / 2012 will have added significance because 2011 marks the Centenary of Douglas Mawson's original Antarctic expedition.

Best wishes,

Sarina



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