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Monday, 22 January 2007

MNN to Celebrate Fifth Anniversary

Micronations.net is looking to celebrate it's fifth anniversary this week on the 28th of January. MNN is owned by a consortium including Iain de Vembria, Liam Sinclair and Lachlan Powers and is the leading hub for the micronational world.

The anniversary is considered particularly special as how long the MNN have survived. The 5 year mark is much like a "Golden Jubilee" celebration, as even nations, let alone a organisation, hardly ever reach it. The event has caused many discussions within the community as MNN administrators have announced plans for a updated forum with a new banner celebrating the event.

The MNN forums recently moved providers, switching from old-favourite Ezboard to SMF, a forum hosted on their own domain. Ezboard has come under fire recently for lack of customizability and having to pay for the Gold Forum Service. Many nations have switched with only Gotzborg and few other nations left on it.

Micronations.net serves an invaluable role as a central community forum in which members of nations can chat about micronational and macronational issues away from the confines of a Foreign Ministry. The board also hosts sub-forums for independent organisations such as the Geographical Standards Organisation, the College of Arms and the Micronational Rec-War Society.

The Bellocaparta Herald offers its heartiest congratulations to the Micronations.net team of owners, administrators and moderators and congratulate them on the fantastic milestone they have achieved, and we hoped there is another five years still to come.



Posted by Thomas Maher at [13:26](#) 0 comments

Ansbach To Introduce Property Tax

The Royal Colony of Ansbach is expected to introduce a land and property tax for property owners, after the Royal Cabinet [rejected](#) a plan for a excise tax by the Colonial Government.

The Vice-Minister of State Colonies and Overseas Possessions, Liam Sinclair, said that "The colony is considered a sub-division of the state, and as such does not have authority in the area of customs. Like any macronational country (in the Western hemisphere), the provinces/states do not have the authority to charge a tax on goods entering the country. Goods entering the national borders are the responsibility of the national government."

In a quick interview with Home Minister Thomas Maher he agreed with the Vice-Minister that the area of customs is a Royal Government area of operation and such the import/export tax should not be issued by the colonial government.

The land tax is expected to cover all persons holding land within the Royal Colony. This includes a large country estate owned by King Paul, the King of Greater Paulovia and office spaces occupied by some of Gotzborg's largest and most influential companies including Anthelia Automotive and Montin Engineering Consultants. The Bellocaparta Herald has been unable to find out how much the tax will cost.

The Colonial Government has also introduced [licences to quarry and gather lumber](#). At 2,500 and 4,500 GTh each, it looks like the licences will only be used by established and financially well-backed businesses. Two licences are now available to quarry the mountainous regions while there are two licences to deforest 3000 acres around Fort Augustus. Governor deMontford said that "geologists are confident that that the mountains contain iron, gold, coal and in rare cases diamonds". The applicant must state the material they are quarrying for and are only eligible to quarry for two materials with each licence.

These new income schemes are believed to have been introduced by the Colonial Government to increase revenue for the colony which was seeing more money leaving the coffers than entering it.

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Sunday, 21 January 2007

The Kingdom of Rather Nice Looks Like a Rather Not

On the 20th of January, King William Wallace I [announced](#) on the MNN forums the existence of the Kingdom of Rather Nice. The nations was supposedly based on the principle of "Be (Rather) Nice".

However, many micronationalists were quick to point out that the nation shared many similar features to the [Kingdom of Lovely](#), a nation founder by British comedian Danny Wallace on the UK television show "How to Start a Nation." The fact of having a last name as the King of Lovely and the nation being based around the exactly same principle of "Being Nice," had many micronationalists suspicious.

King William then responded, saying he had never heard of Lovely, that

his nation was a completely original idea and that Lovely had probably indeed copied him. This claim is regarded by the Herald to be highly unlikely as the Kingdom of Lovely has just celebrated their 2 year anniversary. King William also claimed that he had a flat in London that he claimed as an independent nation for 3 years and had just discovered online micronationalism. While maybe true, a claim like this has no real credibility in online micronationalism. This also bears a striking resemblance to the claim Danny Wallace made with his London flat and the Kingdom of Lovely.

No body seemed to be buying his story, with Ben Gray saying "Seriously Mr. Wallace, we can see through your BS and no body's buying it. Stop digging." One other micronationalist went as far to name Separatist, a known Lovely-sector nation troublemaker, as being King William Wallace.

The King of Rather Nice is yet to respond to these claims.

MFC INVESTMENTS

Posted by Thomas Maher at [21:21](#) 0 comments

The New Herald

MFC Publications has announced the arrival of their latest news media publication the Bellocaparta Herald. The blog-format Herald follows on from the monthly PDF newspaper The Novasolum Bulletin, which was the first foray of Editor-in-Chief Thomas Maher into micronational journalism.

The Herald is a general news publication which will cover various types of news, from general news to economics, history, and more with a focus on Novasolum but encompassing news from the greater micronational world. Those interested in joining the staff as correspondents and columnists are always welcomed and can contact Maher for more details at [tmaher \[AT\] people \[DOT\] net \[DOT\] au](mailto:tmaher@people.net.au).

The Bellocaparta Herald enters into an industry that is already dominated by established news publications. In fact, two Novasolum-based publications AMC and The Coprieta Standard shared the 2007 FNORD for [excellence in the field of journalism](#). However, Editor Maher says the Herald will provide some of the best news coverage in Novasolum and will rival the big publications in terms of circulation numbers.

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