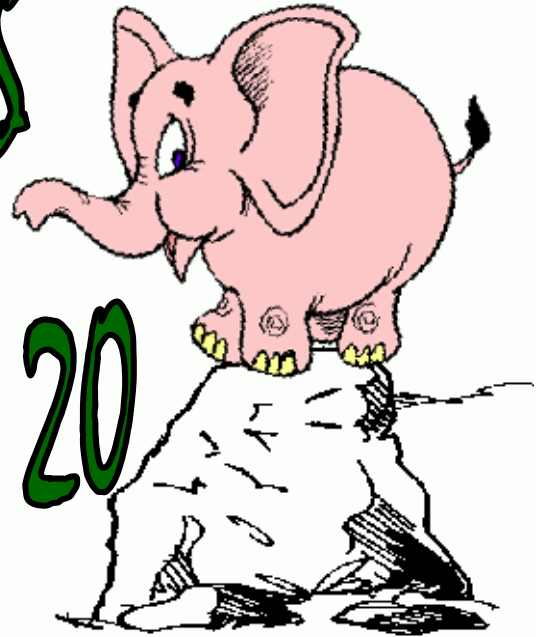


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Hello again all you natural people.

Summer is over. We are heading into a cold winter— well, as cold as it gets in this Sunshine State of ours.

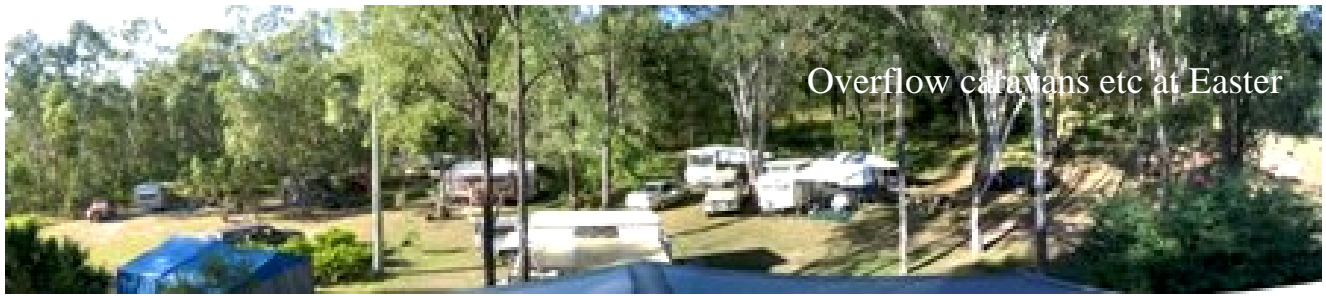
Although we like the warmth of summer up here, we do tend to get some unwelcome things that the people further south do not encounter. Cyclones for instance. A couple of pictures taken by our Canadian guests on their trip to Cairns through the mess left behind by Larry at Innisfail.



Thankfully for us at Elephant Rock these Cyclones do not come as far south as here. This does not mean we do not feel sorrow for the people who have to endure such catastrophes. Hope the people who went through Larry's terror survive and never have to go through another cyclone. Life goes on.

The best of wishes to all for this coming 'shiver' time.

Sue & Jaak



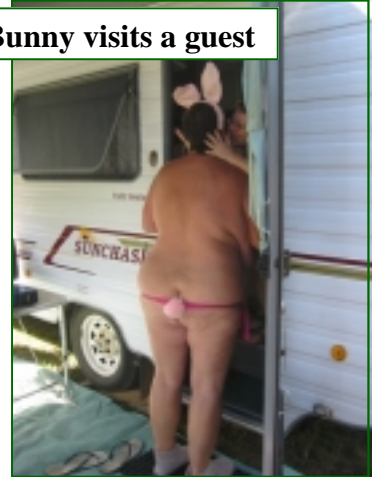
Overflow caravans etc at Easter

Easter 2006

Easter Bunny visits a guest

Easter is always busy and it is at a good time of the year—not too hot and definitely not too cold. As Kellogs would say: “just right”.

Three legged egg and spoon race... Six couples joined at the hip took part...and the winners were - no, not the two in the picture who seem to be lost as to which way to go! Or were they just left way, way behind? Anyway the winners were Murray & Bev. Good on ya!



The annual Easter Petanque championship... The event was held over two days with two finalists fighting it off on the second day.



Do you think we are going the wrong way?

We have never in the three years of this event seen such emotional outpouring as was displayed by Chris on winning the event. See him holding up the trophy! We had a time getting it off him, so intent was he to take it home. Eventually he consented to hand it back only when we promised to have his name engraved on it—just like Bruce and Di from previous years.

Easter egg hunt in the night... Again this time the judges did not disqualify the couple of searchers for using the services of a sniffer dog to hunt out the hidden eggs. It was decided that their helper would not give them any advantage for Sally has a sweet tooth! Although it was rumoured that bribes had been offered to get Sally's services the resulting winners proved that additional canine help was not required for Isabel romped home with an unassailable lead.



Oops! Dropped the egg

Next Easter we'll do it all again!!



It's mine!!

Trivia at Elephant Rock...naturally

Hereunder some typical questions you are likely to be asked at the Trivia night on 11th June. Test your knowledge ...answers on page 6.

1. Who created the game that later turned into Australian Rules?
2. Which were the first coins to be made totally from Australian metals on Australian soil?
3. When did the Sydney mint begin operations?
4. Originally, whose home was Vacluse House?
5. Who founded the Bulletin?
6. What was the full name of C. J. Dennis?
7. In which year were trams introduced to Melbourne?
8. Which internationally famous dancer in the 1800s was reputed to have horse-whipped an Australian critic?
9. In which town is the oldest continuously used bridge in Australia?
10. What was blackbirding?



Our guests arrive in all types of transport. Remember when we were surprised when a great big 'cherry picker' arrived? Never expected anything as big to bring just one guest. Well' we were again surprised when a Volvo prime mover arrived! Thought someone was delivering something and came to the wrong place. But no. It was a guest. He had just been to Brisbane to pick up a brand new Volvo for his business and decided to drop in and say hello. Goes to show, the unexpected is quite commonplace in this business.



She was so blond that...

... she took a ruler to bed to see how long she slept.

.... she spent 20 minutes staring at the orange juice can because it said "concentrate."

.... at the bottom of the application where it says "sign here," she put "Sagittarius."

Why are all dumb blonde jokes one-liners?

...So men can understand them.

ART WEEKENDS



29th April to 1st May
2006

Another successful Art weekend at Elephant Rock.

The Master Artist showing how to...

Budding young artists got down and dirty, enthusiastically mixing globs of paint and transferring these on to canvases in front of them. If some of this did not reach the intended destination but landed on skin or shirts or tables or whatever, was of no consequence for this mess was came off easily (lots of turps used that weekend).

But whatever went wrong during the painstaking process of getting the inspirations to canvas, did not affect the end results which were really terrific.

Andy, the tutor, although having been run off his feet touring from artist to artist with hints and words of praise was really astounded by the standard of the art work from the weekend. And the budding new artists were surprised at the quality of the work they were capable of. "Couldn't have done this without the help of the master painter Andy" was the general feeling of the trainee artists.

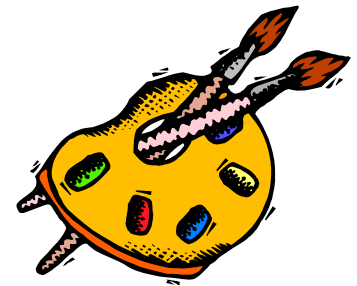


Proud new artist with 'Elephant Rock'



Proud new artist competing against the master's work

Next year we hope to stage this workshop again with new participants—and the ones who went through this one will help in the tutoring for they are now competent enough to do this!



Events still to come at Elephant Rock for 2006

- > **10th - 12th June** - Queens Birthday weekend. Trivia night Sunday 11th.
Display your knowledge and win prizes.



- > **15th July** - Christmas in July. Nude Santa will be back with presents for all.
All rooms are booked by now but some caravan and camping spaces still available

\$32 per person

MENU: Soup - Thai pumpkin; Brown mushroom
Mains - Roast beef; pork; veal; chicken
Dessert - Apple strudel with fresh cream; fresh
seasonal fruit salad; pavlova

A bit of bubbly to help the food down.



- > **19th August** - Soup and Pizza night. To battle the winter chills.

- > **16th September** - The 'ess' night. Come undressed as something or someone starting with as 'S'.

- > **14th October** - Oktoberfest. Sing and dance to German music while tasting different beers.

- > **7th November** - Melbourne Cup. Bring your favourite Cup lunch to Elephant Rock and enjoy the race.
Join in the Cup sweeps and cheer along for the two minute race.

- > **9th December** - Friends of Elephant Rock annual X'mas sausage sizzle.

- > **31st December** - The by now famous New Year's Eve bash. This is a theme night so watch this space
for future announcements.

Common Questions about Australia answered:

Q: Can you give me some information about hippo racing in Australia? (USA)

A: A-fri-ca is the big triangle shaped continent south of Europe. Aus-tra-lia is that big island in the middle of the Pacific which does not...oh forget it. Sure, the hippo racing is every Tuesday night in Kings Cross. Come naked.

Q: Can you send me the Vienna Boys' Choir schedule? (USA)

A: Aus-tri-a is that quaint little country bordering Ger-man-y, which is...oh forget it. Sure, the Vienna Boys Choir plays every Tuesday night in Kings Cross, straight after the hippo races. Come naked.

WHAT GENDER IS IT?

If you're like most people, common everyday items look inert to you. But what you may not know is that many of them have a gender.

For Example:

Ziploc Bags - They are Male, because they hold everything in but you can see right through them.

A Copier - is Female, because once turned off, it takes a while to warm up. It's an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed, but can wreak havoc if the wrong buttons are pushed.

A Tire - has to be Male, because it goes bald and often it's over inflated.

A Hot Air Balloon - is definitely a Male, because to get it to go anywhere you have to light a fire under it . . . and, of course, there's the hot air part.

Sponges - are Female, because they're soft and squeezable and retain water.

A Web Page - is Female, because it's always getting hit on.

A Subway - is Male, because it uses the same old lines to pick people up.

Hourglass - has to be a Female, because over time, the weight shifts to the bottom.

Hammer - Male, because it hasn't evolved much over the last 5,000 years, but it's handy to have around.

The Remote Control - is a Female ... Ha! You thought it'd be male. But consider that it gives a man pleasure, he'd be lost without it, and while he doesn't always know the right buttons to push, he keeps trying.



The sunsets can be extremely colourful around here—and we get a great view from Elephant Rock.



1. T.W. Willis in 1858
2. The Adelaide gold pound and the five pound gold piece
3. 1853
4. W. C. Wentworth
5. Jules Francis Archibald
6. Clarence Michael James Dennis
7. 1885
8. Lola Montez
9. Richmond, Tasmania
10. The enslavement of South Sea Islanders by Australian plantations