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G'day all you nude people huddling in heated rooms

Isn't it cold?!

Surely this is one of the coldest winters we've had for a long time. Even here in sunny Queensland the chill is getting through to the bones. But of course that is at night for the days are still sunny (mostly) and warm (again, mostly). So what has happened to this 'global warming' business? But there is hope - we are more than halfway into winter, therefore summer ain't that far away!!

As you can see in this edition we do not let the cold hinder our activities.

So browse the following few pages as you sit in front of that roaring fire that's keeping the cold at bay. Especially peruse the coming events section to see what's coming up here at the relaxing Elephant Rock Retreat.

See you soon.

Sue & Jaak

PS For those who missed the Trivia night, try the questions scattered through this newsletter. How would you have fared?

1. What does the "W" stand for in George W. Bush?

Queen's Birthday Trivia

2. Who was the Roman god of fire and furnaces?

10th June:

Trivia buffs arrived in earnest to join the few who had already ensconced themselves by arriving on Friday.

On counting heads we found that there were 15 couples who were keen to try out their knowledge by participating.

To relax before the big event the next day most joined in a game of Petanque—girls v boys. And the winners were...rain stopped play at 6 all!

11th June:

Sunday was a much brighter day, in fact so good that it was debated whether to light the fire in the Common Room for the night's contest. In the afternoon sun another girls v boys Petanque match was held this time with a result as rain did not interfere. Winners?...the boys of course.

After dinner the contest began. The participants were divided into five teams. The teams decided on their own names: 'The Good the Bad & the Ugly' 'The Bare Bums' 'The Magnificent Seven' 'Spicks & Specks' and 'The Brilliants'. There was going to be ten categories with 15 questions each, so it was going to be a long night.

At 7.30 the first papers were handed to the competing teams. At 8.30 a break for tea and bikkies was called and point totaled: 'Spicks & Specks' led by one point from the 'Magnificent Seven'.

At 9.00 the second half of the grueling comp continued till 10.0 when the answers were totaled for the grand prize. The winners were 'The Magnificent Seven' with a score of 91.5 (from a possible 170) with the half time leaders coming second with a score of 83.5. A good performance by those two teams.

But wait! Could there be reasons for appeal against the two top teams? It seems that 'The Magnificent Seven' as the name suggests had seven members on their team for most of the night, growing to 8 after the Wallabies beat England by a great margin. AND 'The Good the Bad and the Ugly' had eight in their team for the full time! Are these facts enough grounds for appeal? NO! The adjudicator has made the ruling and that's that!

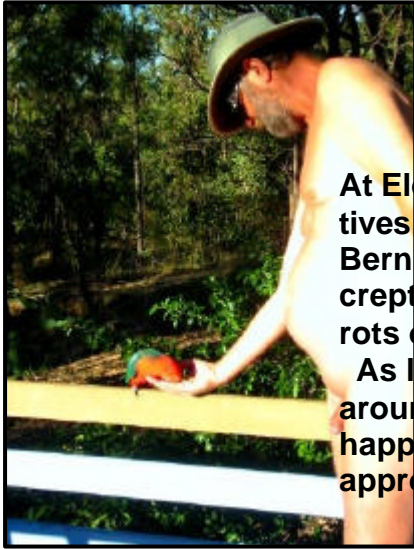
TEAM NAME:

AUSTRALIAN TRIVIAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Who Designed the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games Torch?
2. Who was the last man to be hanged in Australia?
3. What size shoe does Ian Thorpe wear?
4. In which year was Australia Day first celebrated?
5. What invention is Mervyn Richardson famous for?
6. What is Australia's floral emblem?
7. Who invented Vegemite?

What Australian city boasts the largest Greek population in the world outside of Greece?





NATURE LOVERS

At Elephant Rock the natives are friendly—as Bernie found out when he crept up to the King Parrots on the pool deck.

As long as there is food around the birds are happy to allow humans to approach. And since

Bernie just happened to have a handful of seed (especially Sunflower seed) this colourful male was quite content to eat from his hand. Very trusting. But he knows:- Bernie is not a CAT!

3. In the TV ad, LG stands for Life's Good. What do the initials LG really stand for?

HAPPY WANDERERS



Stuart from somewhere in Melbourne felt restless just relaxing so decided to take the National Parks walk up to the top of Mt Greville (Elephant Rock).

The climb starts in a small parking lot at the eastern end of the mountain and ends on top of the 'Elephant's head'. The views are really something and even what is left of the water in Lake Moogerah looks quite impressive from this height. There is even a waterfall on the way up and Stuart assures us that even with this long dry, there is a trickle of water there.

At the top is a cairn of rocks which have been placed there by some energetic climbers. Stuart added his own rock to the heap which will grow as more people struggle to the top..



4. Who was the first man to make a controlled, powered flight in Australia?

Yet another birthday.

On April 30 another birthday was celebrated here. Or really two birthdays. The common room was full to capacity with the celebrators, quite a few of whom were lucky guests who had no prior knowledge of the party— they were just here for the

Labour Day weekend.

It was a 'bonzer' party. The chocky cake was delicious. Don't think that the 120 referred to one of the birthday boys being that old, it referred to their combined ages: one celebrated reaching 55 and the other looked back on 65 years. Pity they weren't Pisceans. If they had been they could have been included in the Piscean party celebrated here in March as you saw on page 2. But then we would have missed out on another reason to party!



The travelling nudist.

The traveling nudist gets around in many different ways—some 'rough' it in tents; some tow something light like a 'teardrop' caravan—small and streamlined; some go for versatile camper trailers, on road or off road types; others like some creature comforts and travel with 4x4's towing LARGE caravans with all mod cons; and of course don't for-



get the pampered ones who take a room for the night (or week).

Then there are the ones who like the luxury of a large motor-home with the convenience of a detachable vehicle for the quick trip to the nearest pub. They travel around like snails with their large homes on their backs—the 5th wheelers. Darryl is one who comes to enjoy the ambience of Elephant Rock in this American luxury import. Lovely!

Trivia answers:

1. Walker 2. Vulcan 3. Lucky Goldstar 4. Harry Houdini
..... Did you get them right?

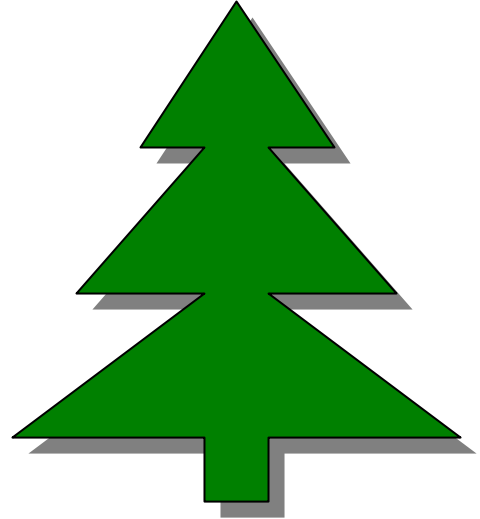
Did you know?:

There is more money being spent on breast implants and Viagra than on Alzheimer's research.

This means that by 2020, there should be a large elderly population with perky boobs and huge erections and absolutely no recollection of what to do with them.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

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Another great night!

The celebrations started with “nibbles”

Followed by a sumptuous three course meal.



Then Santa came with a sack full of presents for everyone.



The piece de resistance was yet another magnificent cake

from Gail, the ultimate culinary artist. How can we ever thank you enough Gail?

Here Santa is listening to the presentation by Mrs. Santa prior to handing her a Xmas present—from his sack..

So all in all the night went very, very well.

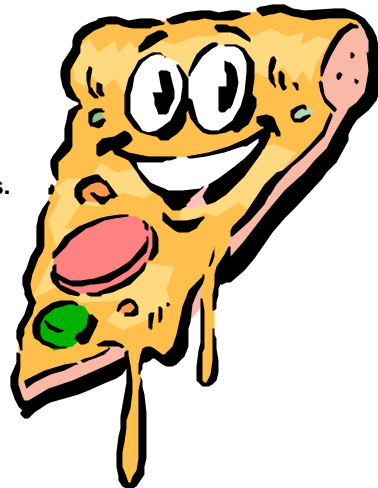
And as a bonus, the guests who were still there on Sunday enjoyed another three course meal for lunch—followed by more of the wondrous Xmas cake.

See you next year when Xmas in July will be held in June on the Queen's birthday long weekend.



Events still to come at Elephant Rock for 2006

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



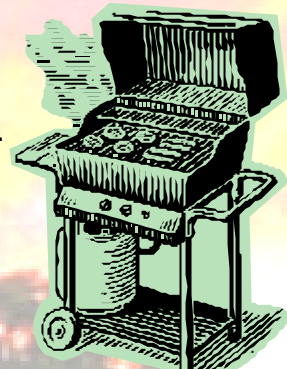
16th September - The 'ess' night. Come undressed as something or someone starting with as 'S'.

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 year: CIRQUÉ de ELEPHANT ROCK
Wanted: Clowns; Trapeze artists; Bearded Ladies; Strongmen, etc.

