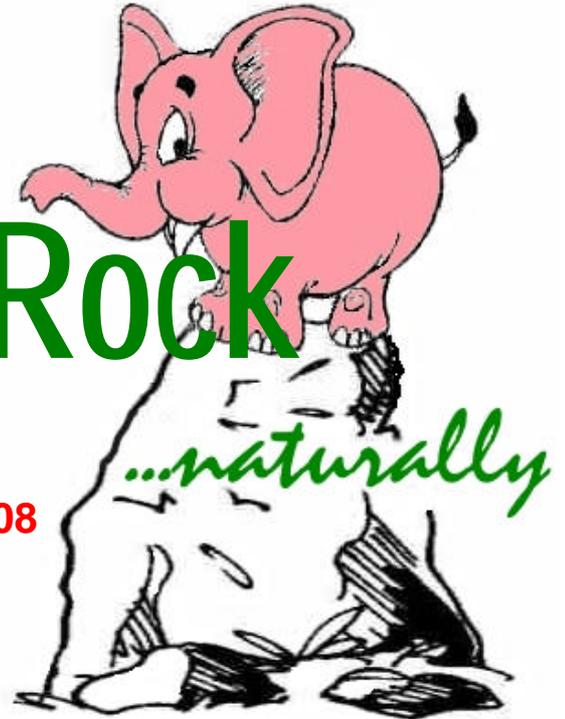


TRUNK CALLS

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G'day readers.

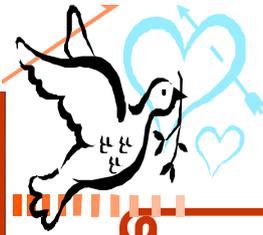
The weather is lovely and warm - up to 33°C during the hottest time of the day. The pool is cold - 22°C even at the hottest part of the day. The Spa is warm - set at 38°C for any part of the day! Of course us Queenslanders think 22°C is **cold while** lots of visitors from those 'Mexican' states and overseas have been happily paddling around in what they think of as 'nice warm', swimmable water. We'll wait for a few more degrees of warmth, thank you!

Of course being Spring we can still expect some cold weather before the onslaught of Summer so we cannot guarantee the old saying of 'beautiful one day, perfect the next' but we feel sure that the good days will outnumber the bad - but what the hell! We do have a stove for those 'bad' times!

See you soon.

Cheers,

Sue & Jaak



LYN and LOUISE

Weddings..



We recently attended two weddings of guests who patronize Elephant Rock. Lyn and Louise long time guests were married on July on the Gold Coast. Nearly all of the guests were patrons of Elephant Rock. Louise made a beautiful bride with Lyn looking very dapper in his suit. Even though the weather was inclement, the ceremony was perfect. Because most of the guests knew one another it was a vibrant party atmosphere at the reception. The love felt and projected towards Lyn and Louise at their wedding was incredible, almost electric!



PETER and MICHELLE

Peter and Michelle were married in August on the waterfront at the Rotunda in Wynnum. The wedding was a very informal and relaxed affair. It was a beautiful, clear and mild weathered morning for the time of year which meant guests did not have to rug up. A wedding breakfast followed the ceremony at the Moreton Bay Boat Trailer Club. The setting was perfect for a delicious breakfast and to watch boats sail in and out of the harbour.

Louise and Lyn met at Elephant rock while Peter and Michelle have been frequent visitors over the last few years.

We wish both couples all the very best for their future happiness and may they have many great adventures along the way.

Mick met Paddy in the street and said, 'Paddy, will you close your bedroom curtains before making love to your wife in future?'

'But Why?' Paddy asked.

'Because,' said Mick, 'the whole street was laughing when they saw you making love yesterday.'

Paddy said, 'Stupid bastards, the laugh's on them.....I wasn't home yesterday.'

TRIVIA NIGHT

12th July



In the middle of Winter even here in sunny Queensland it becomes somewhat nippy.

She enjoyed the gonging immensely

The action moves indoors.

So on the 12th of Winter a most successful Trivia night was held in the Common Room with a roaring fire keeping all warm (...or 'hot'?) and cozy.

Five teams of eager, and knowledgeable people waited patiently for the starter's gong, determined to prove their superiority in trivia.



The 'No Helpers' pondering

The teams were named (believe it or not) Logan Layabouts; Young and the Restless; No Helpers; Awsome Foursome; Crash Test Dummies!

A lot of thought went into the answers to questions such as: 'What does ASIC stand for', 'Which former Prime Minister once managed a rock band called The Ramrods' and a multitude of other irrelevant trivia questions.

By 11.00pm the winners were declared - the Young and the Restless team won the prize with 95 points. But the other teams were not disgraced . All left with a sense of having accomplished something memorable, and maybe even learned something worth remembering, for instance that we nowadays swear on the Bible but ancient Roman men swore 'on' their testicles!!! Well worth knowing, this piece of historical fact.

THE WINNERS - Young and the Restless'



Why do female black widow spiders kill the males after mating?
...To stop the snoring before it starts.

CAMP OVEN COOKOUT



Sunny Queensland winter's day.

Beautiful sunny weather, 23-24 th August, greeted us for our Camp Oven Cookout weekend. But then we should know what the Queensland winters can be like! But it can, and did, get cold at night.

Although Darryl, the resident "firebug" tried to warm up the atmosphere, the setting sun took the warmth with it so the night time wait for the banquet happened around the camp fire.



Keeping the fire going to get ready for the camp ovens



Keeping warm, watching the campfire

The succulent finished product was a self serve affair with the food laid on tables on the breezeway and the eating done inside in the warmth of the Common Room.

Everyone agreed that "the Bushies" obviously knew a thing or two about bush cooking and thankfully passed this on and therefore even us "newies" are able to enjoy the delights of a Camp Oven Cookout.



Get stuck into it! Everything cooked to perfection

ER Market Day



All the goods at the Fair



and the swimmers there



Walkabout



...or sleep in?

This year proved to be a very successful 'Market Day' at E.R. There were beautiful knitted handcrafted items, T shirts with children's designs, chutneys and sauces, an array of aprons (which seem to be making a comeback), jewelry, sarongs, polo shirts and winter fleeces, some second hand goods, and a camper to fit on the back of a ute all for sale at very reasonable prices.

The weather as expected in Queensland was perfect, in fact quite hot which prompted many brave ones to take a cool dip in the pool. There also seemed to be a revolution happening in the weight loss area with many of the ladies losing kilos of weight. It puts those of us to shame who just think about losing weight but don't actually do anything about it! Well done to those ladies who have had the discipline and stuck to it.

What a perfect way to buy, sell or swap and enjoy a relaxing weekend - all in the nude!

For those of you who would like to give this weekend a try start collecting, knitting, sewing, cooking your goodies now.



Events calendar...the rest of 2008

1st November - Halloween

Isn't it fun to make yourself really, really ugly. Come along (un)dressed as a witch, goblin, mummy, pumpkinhead etc. etc. Great fun!

29th November - Friends of Elephant Rock Picnic.

Book in for the weekend to participate in the Saturday afternoon Picnic where we at Elephant Rock supply the food. (Bring your own alcoholic drinks as only tea coffee and soft drinks will be provided).

31st December - New Year's Eve

This year the theme will be "Harry Potter". You have to come (UN)dressed in the right costume. Remembering at all times that this is a nudist venue so be inventive in dressing in as little as possible to still convey the feeling of the theme.

2009

.....WATCH THIS SPACE!

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting.

Well, the other day my wife and I went into town and went into a shop. We were only in there for about five minutes.

When we came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket. We went up to him and said, 'Come on man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?'

He ignored us and continued writing the ticket.

So I called him a Nazi turd.

He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tires.

So my wife called him a shit head.

He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first.

Then he started writing a third ticket.

This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

Personally, we didn't care.

We came into town by bus.

We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired.

It's important at our age.

