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Carnarvon Gorge

Dave and Anne enjoyed a pleasant few days at Carnarvon Gorge, which is very popular with walkers and campers - many caravans can be seen at the campgrounds....

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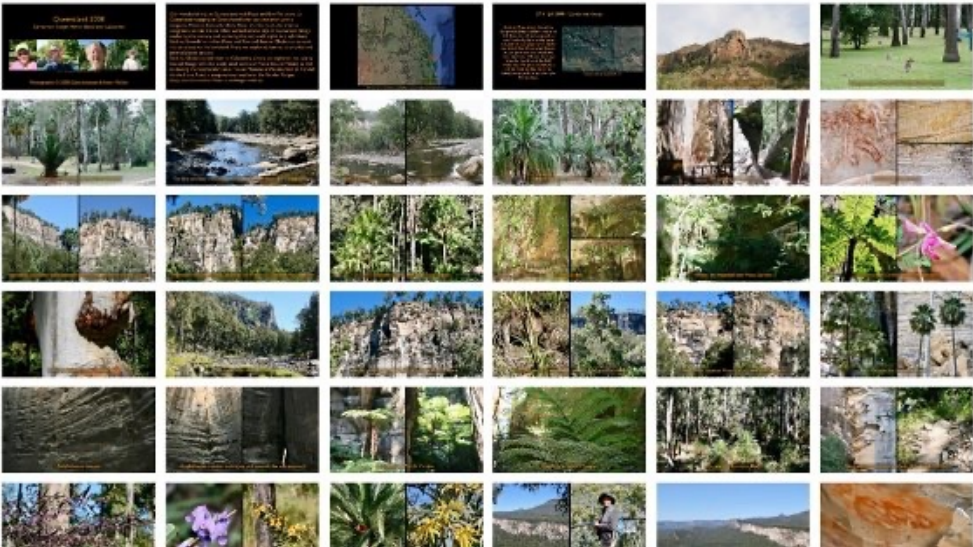


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Overview Map of our 2008 trip in SE Queensland

[Map produced using Google Earth Pro]

Heron Island

We enjoyed our short holiday on Heron Island. The boat trip from Gladstone and on our return were both calm and pleasant. We explored the islands many shaded paths and uncrowded beaches. Anne tried her hand at learning how to snorkel with some success. We also enjoyed our reef walk at low tide with good views of many types of corals and giant clams. Then we took a glass-bottomed boat trip to see the outer parts of the island's reef as well as the many fish and even a small manta ray. A nice relaxing place for a holiday and not overrun with hordes of people.



Gladstone to Heron Island Map
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Heron Island Map
[Map produced using Google Earth Pro]



Morning view from our accommodation on Heron Island



Small boats at Heron Island harbour



Peter resting at the swimming pool



Bev also at the swimming pool



Morning tea at the pool - Bev, Peter and Dave



Heron Island vegetation



Shaded sandy path through Heron Island vegetation



Anne ready to go snorkelling



Anne starting to snorkel



Anne starting to snorkel



Anne starting to snorkel



Heron Island beach



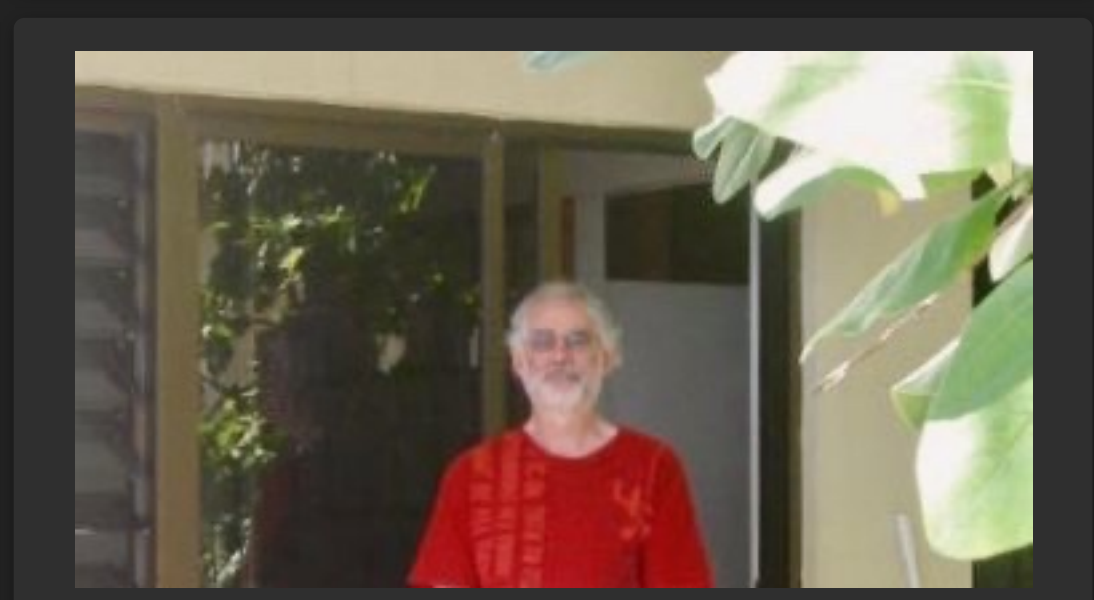
Heron Island beach



Our well hidden accommodation



Shallow water showing up reef colours



Dave in front of our accommodation



Manta rays in shallow water



Small boats at the harbour



Dave at the wharf



Reef walk views



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Reef walk views - brain coral



Reef walk views - giant clams and corals



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Unusual reef fish



Glassbottom boat view of corals



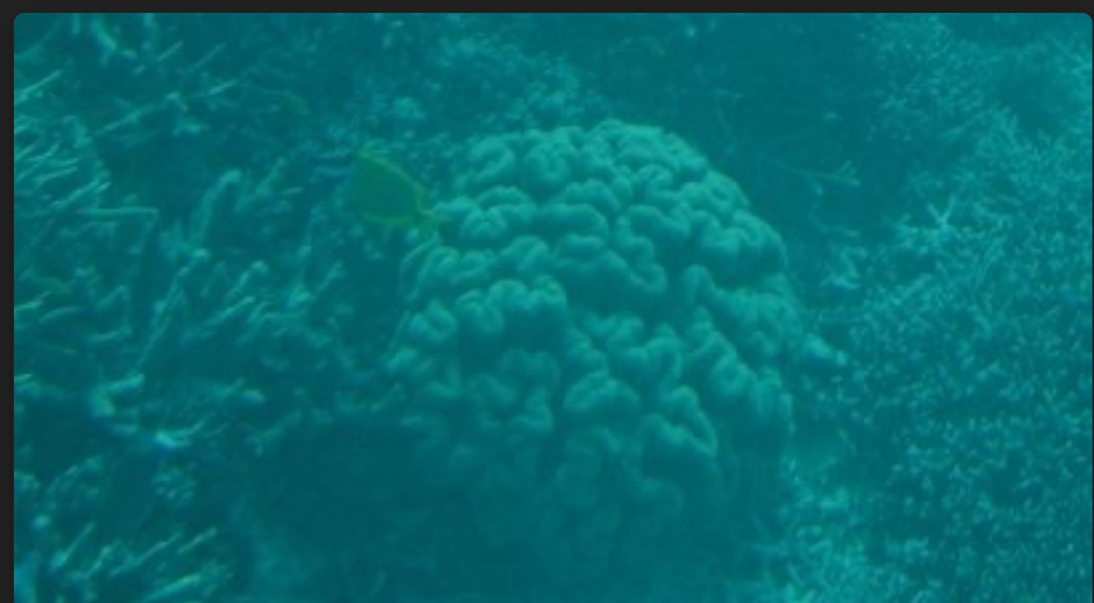
Glassbottom boat view of corals and a reef fish



Glassbottom boat view of various reef fish



Glassbottom boat view of corals and more reef fish



Glassbottom boat view of brain coral and attendant fish



Glassbottom boat view of manta ray



Glassbottom boat view of reef fish



Peter and Bev on Heron Island wharf



Manta ray seen near the wharf through shallow water with ripples



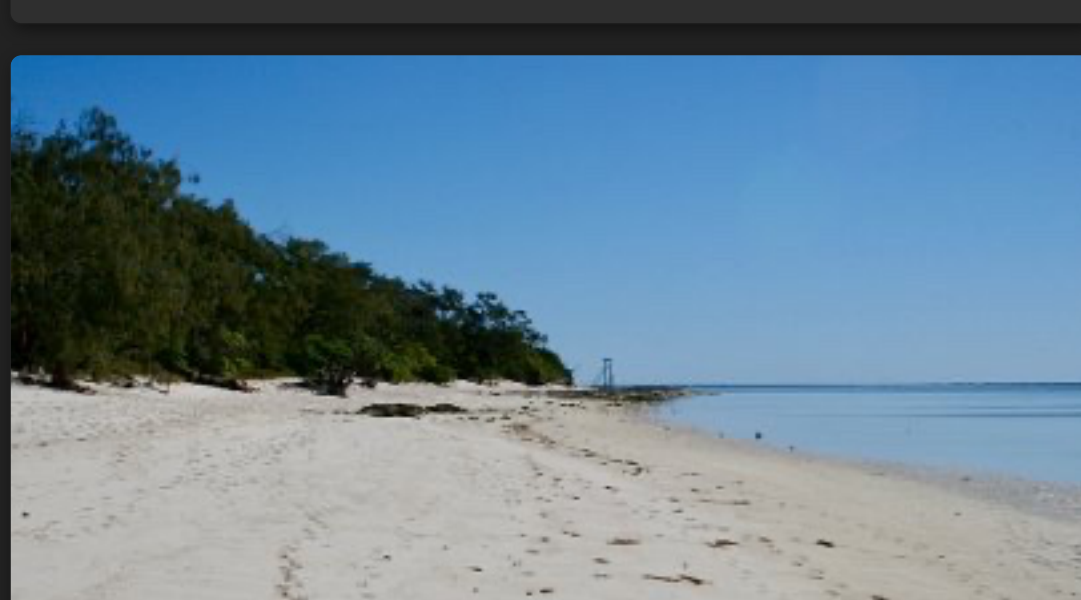
Path through Heron Island vegetation



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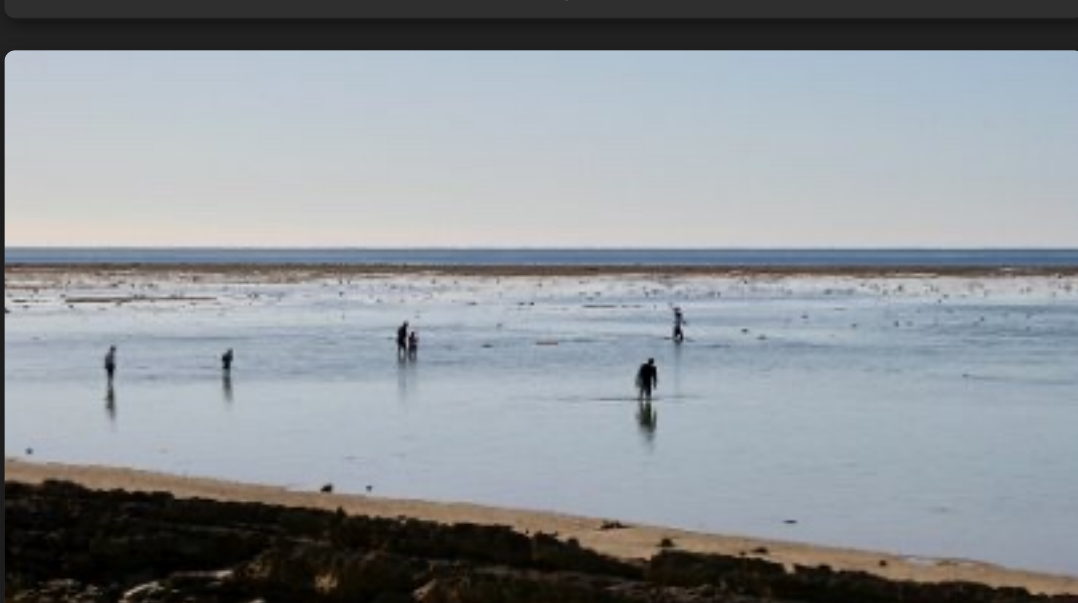
Nice shady beach



Not so crowded beach



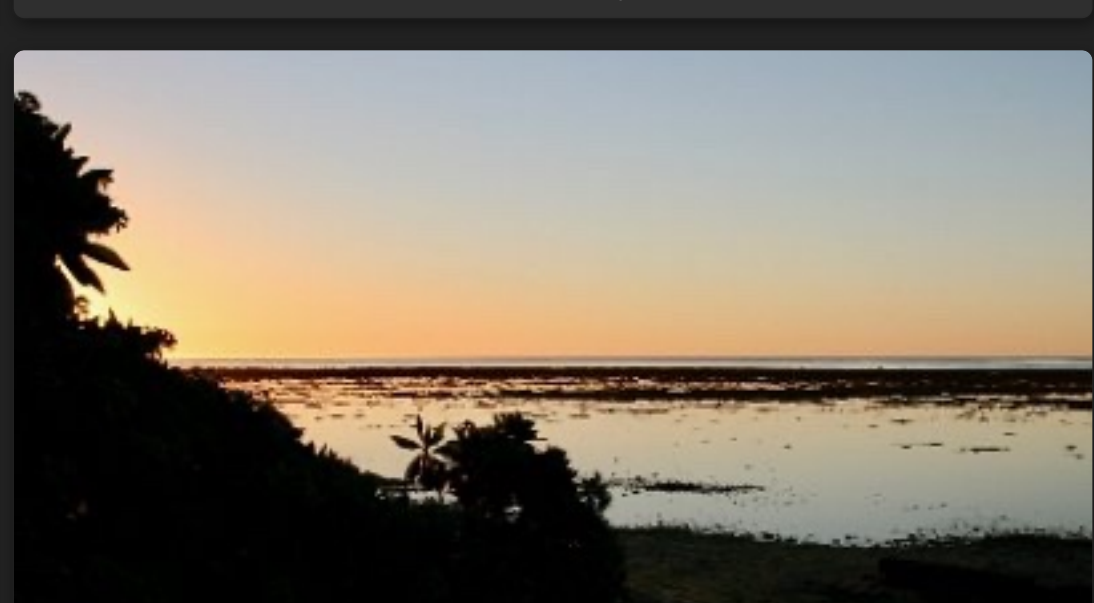
Dave near shady beach



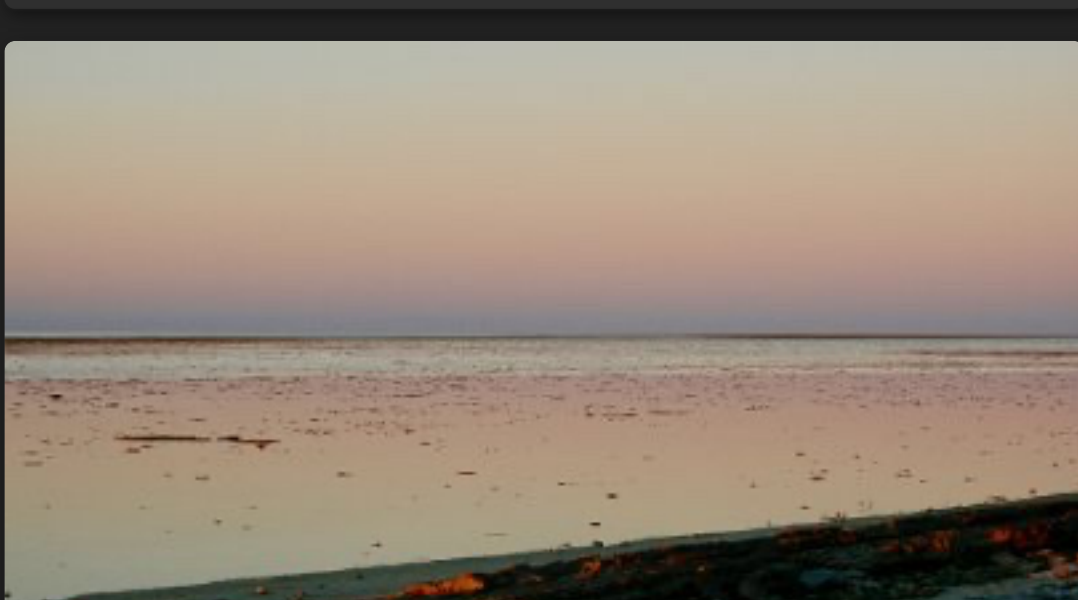
Late afternoon reef walkers



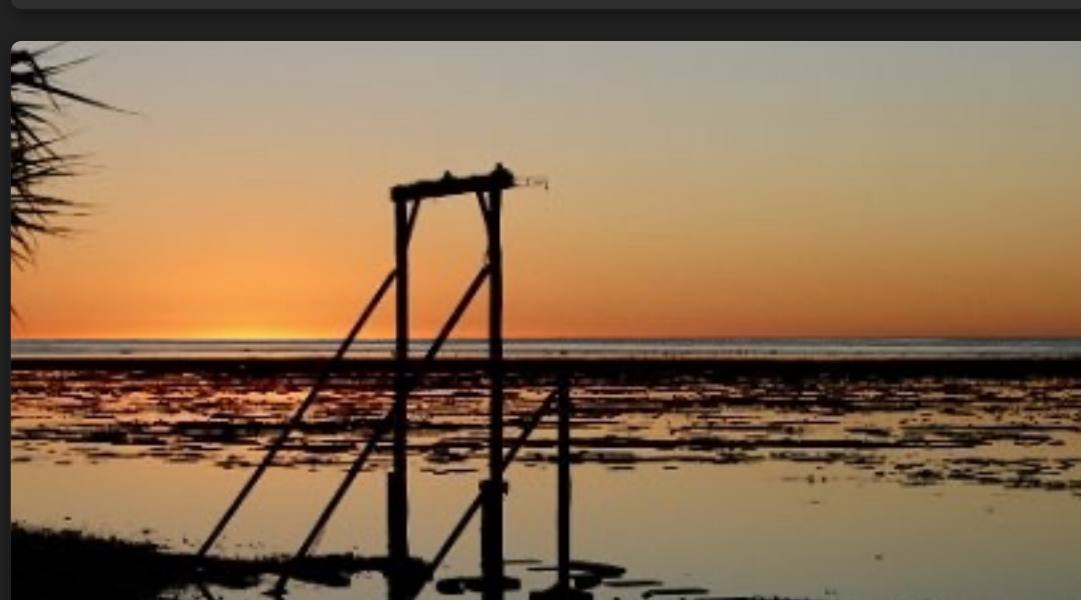
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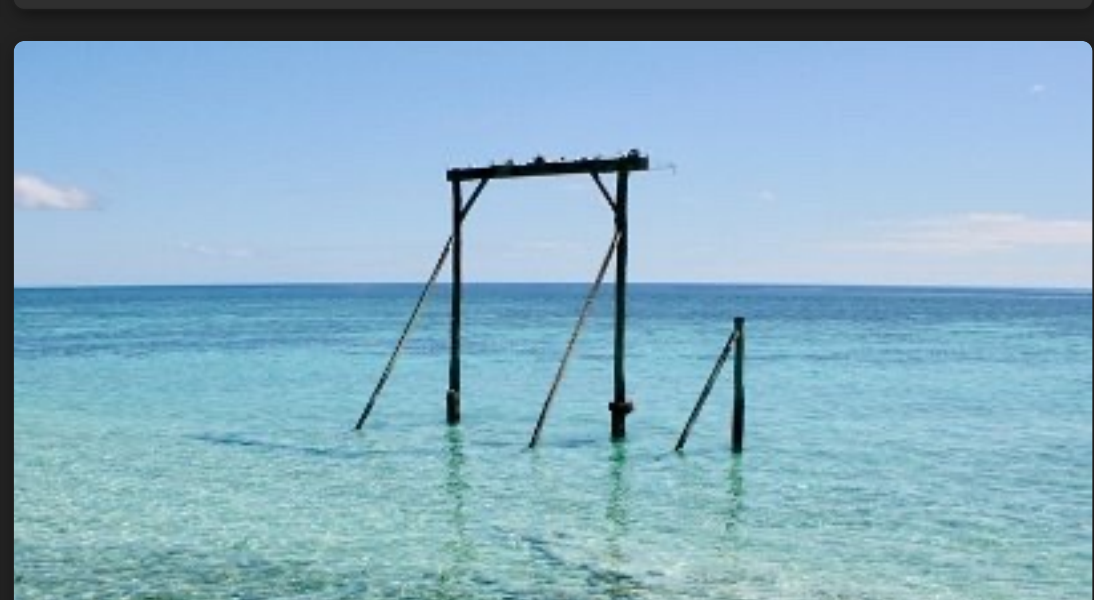
Towards sunset on Heron Island



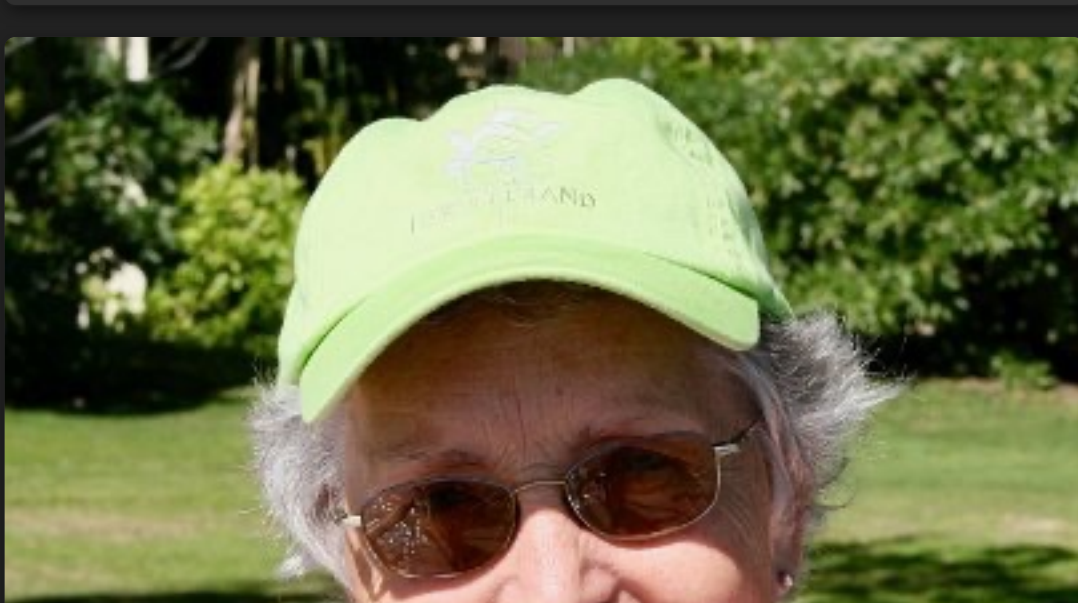
Sunset colours looking away from sun



Sunset on Heron Island with old boat gantry



Morning view of boat gantry



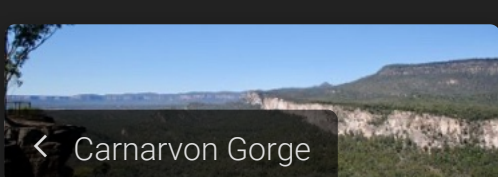
Happy Anne just before we left Heron Island



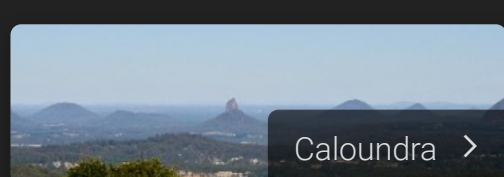
Happy Dave just before we left Heron Island



Other accommodation on Heron Island



Carnarvon Gorge

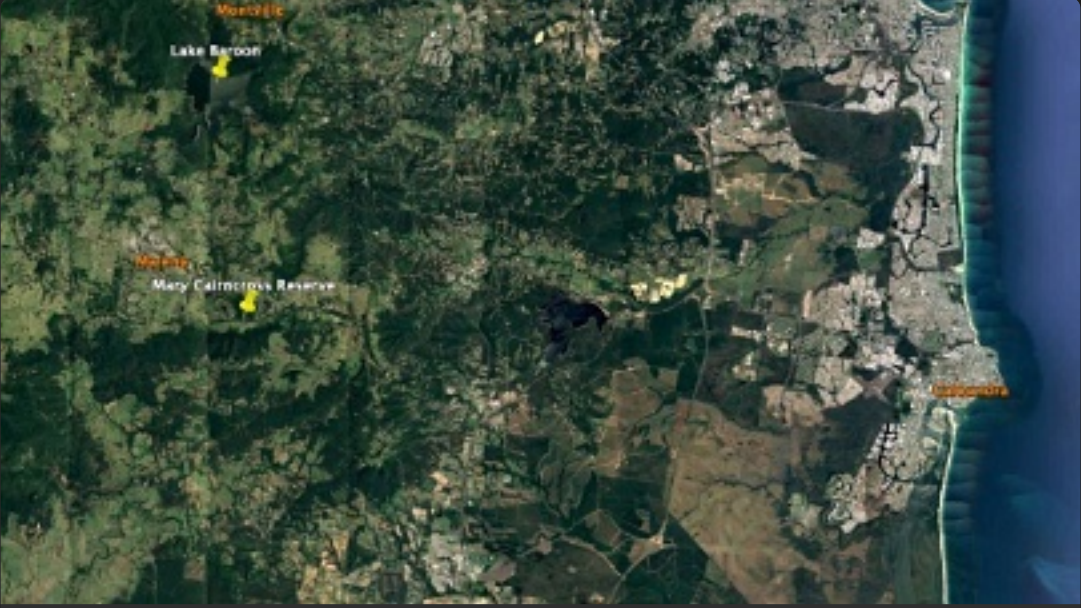


Caloundra



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Our visit to Caloundra was spent mainly exploring the Blackall Ranges to the west. The towns along the range were developed as cool refuges from the hot plains around Brisbane. More recently the towns have become very popular with tourists and locals alike. The range provides very good views of the costal strip and of the extraordinary Glass House Mountains (not so ancient volcanoes). We left Queensland via the steep and narrow Lions Road which shares the crossing of the Border Ranges with a wonderfully engineered railway line.



Caloundra Hinterland Map
[Map produced using Google Earth Pro]



Coastal view from near Montville



Coastal view from near Montville



Anne, Bev and Peter at lookout near Montville



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Lake Baroon near Maleny



Spillway at Lake Baroon



Water patterns on the spillway at Lake Baroon



Spiky plants on the Mary Cairncross Reserve walk



Glasshouse Mountains from near Mary Cairncross Reserve



Mount Beerwah, Glasshouse Mountains



Mount Coonowrin, Glasshouse Mountains



Mount Tibrogargan, Glasshouse Mountains



Mount Beerwah and Mount Coonowrin, Glasshouse Mountains



Mount Coonowrin, Glasshouse Mountains



Mount Beerwah, Glasshouse Mountains



Rail loop from lookout off the Lions Road, Border Ranges



View from the Lions Road, Border Ranges



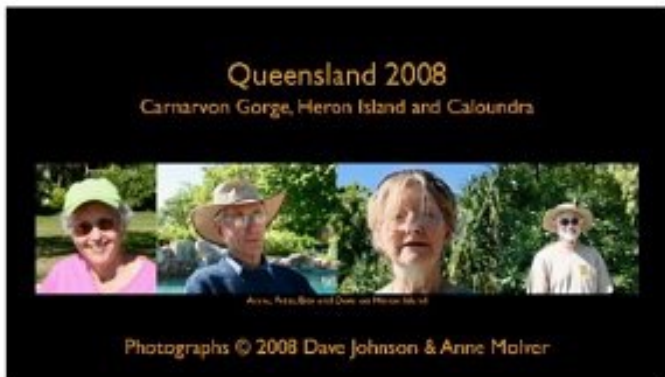
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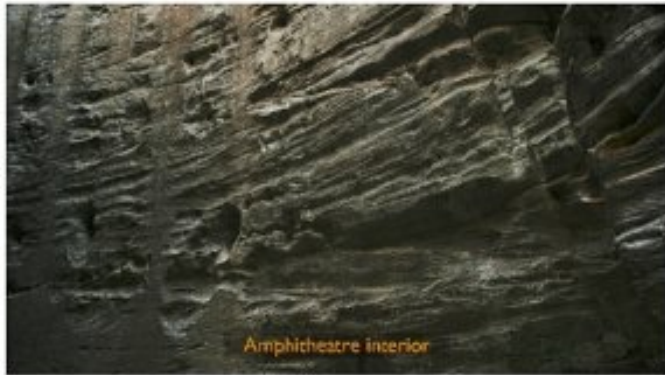
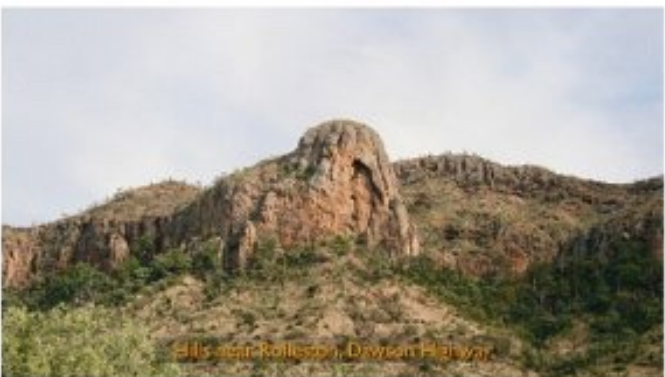
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27-31 Jul 2008 - Carnarvon Gorge

Dave and Anne visited Carnarvon Gorge while Peter and Bev travelled by train from Emerald to Longreach to visit friends. Highlights of the gorge included the Aboriginal stories and the wonderful plants. The surrounding forests, ancient palm trees and cycads, the steep sandstone cliffs and the views from the top of Boolimba Bluff. Finally we drove back to Emerald to collect Peter and Bev and on to Gladstone to catch the early ferry to Heron Island.

This postcard sized image is a photo of the gorge.





Balloon Cave rock strata



On Balloon Cave walk



Our sleep tent at Takarraka



Heading north from entrance to Carnarvon Gorge



Heading north from entrance to Carnarvon Gorge



Looking NW from our accommodation on Heron Island



Our well located accommodation



Small boats at Heron Island harbour



Peter and Bev at the swimming pool



Head north again from our accommodation on Heron Island



With friends snorkelling



After leaving the snorkel



The on island beach



Heron Island beach



Shallow water showing to reef outline



Manta rays in shallow water



Reef walk views - brain coral



Reef walk views



Reef walk views - glass-bottom boat looking down



Glass-bottomed boat view of coral and reef fish



Glass-bottomed boat view of brain coral, reef fish and a manta ray



Peter and Bev on Heron Island wharf



Manta ray seen near the wharf through shallow water with ripples



Path through forest to the beach



Reef walk views - glass-bottom boat looking down



Flat expanse of beach on north side



Late afternoon reef walk



Views about an island



Sunset on Heron Island with old boat entry



Manta ray seen from the pier



Happy Peter and Bev as they leave Heron Island



Coastal view from near Manville



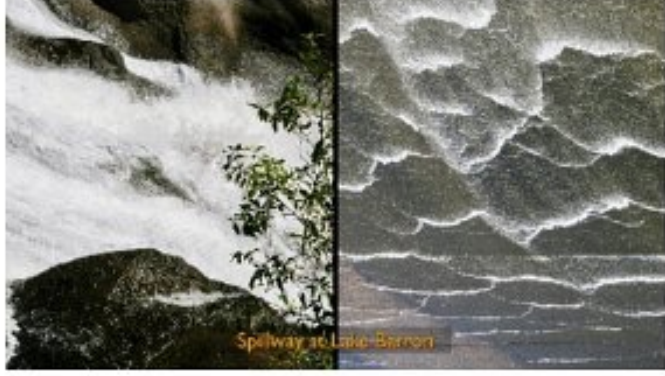
With Bev and Peter at Caloundra near Manville



Coastal view from near Manville with Bev and Peter as a backdrop



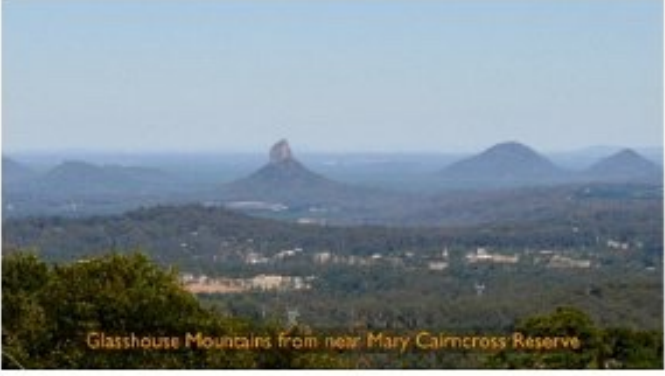
Lake Brown near Manville



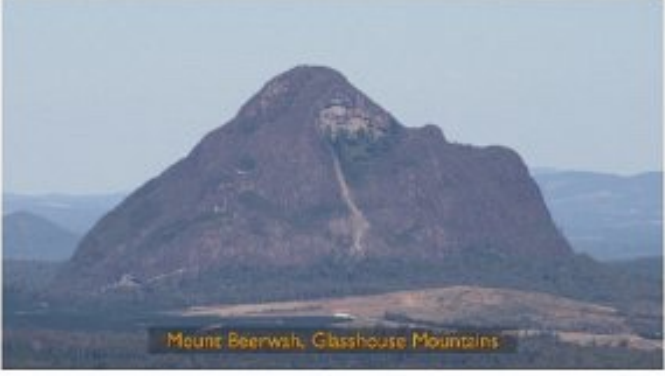
Spillage at Lake Brown



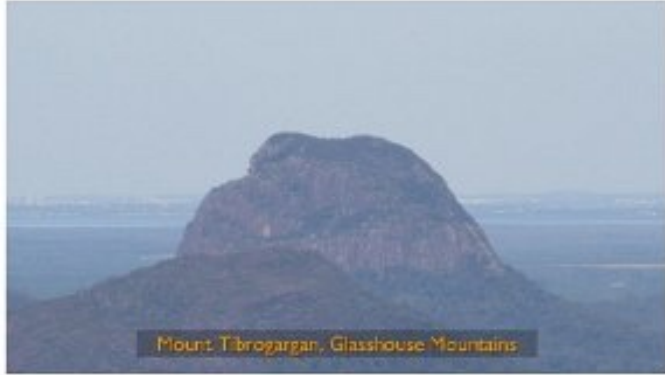
View of the Mary Cairncross Reserve



Glasgow Mountains from near Mary Cairncross Reserve



Mount Beerwah, Glasgow Mountains



Mount Tibrogargan, Glasshouse Mountains



Mount Conowrin, Glasshouse Mountains



Half loop from Lookout on the Long Road, Border Ranges



View from Glasshous Rock, Border Ranges





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