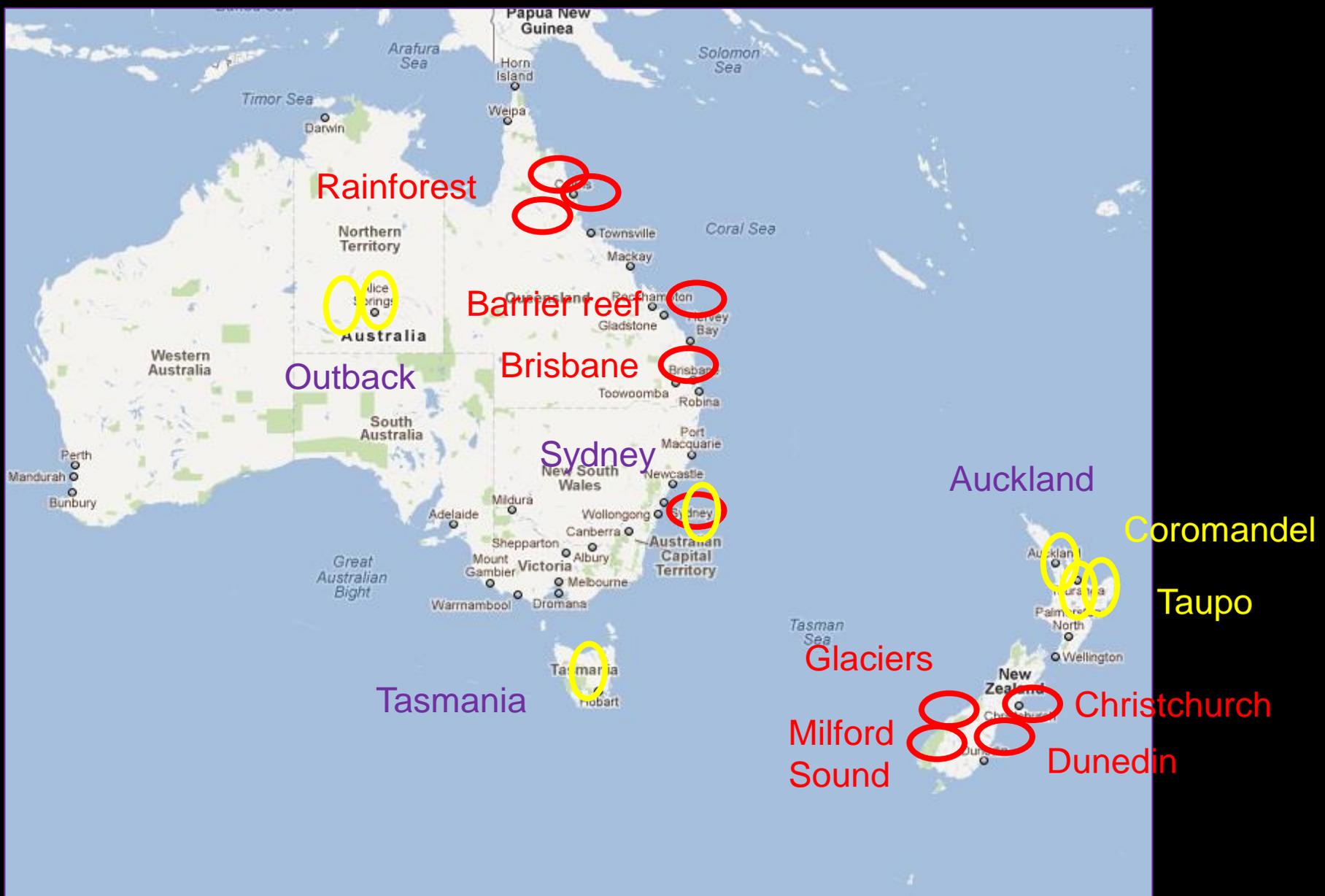


Two visits to Australia and New Zealand –

Aug 2003 (winter) via Singapore and J2011 (summer) via Antarctica



What Latitude would Australia and New Zealand be in the northern hemisphere ? Note their sizes vs. UK



Sydney

5 million people

State Capital NSW est. 1788

The opera house

Sydney harbour bridge +
ferry



Sydney skyline from ferries 2003(top) 2010(bottom)



Sydney Bridge walk

3770 feet long

3 ½ hr walk chained to a railing.

Test climb beforehand

No “own clothes”, cameras

Metal detectors

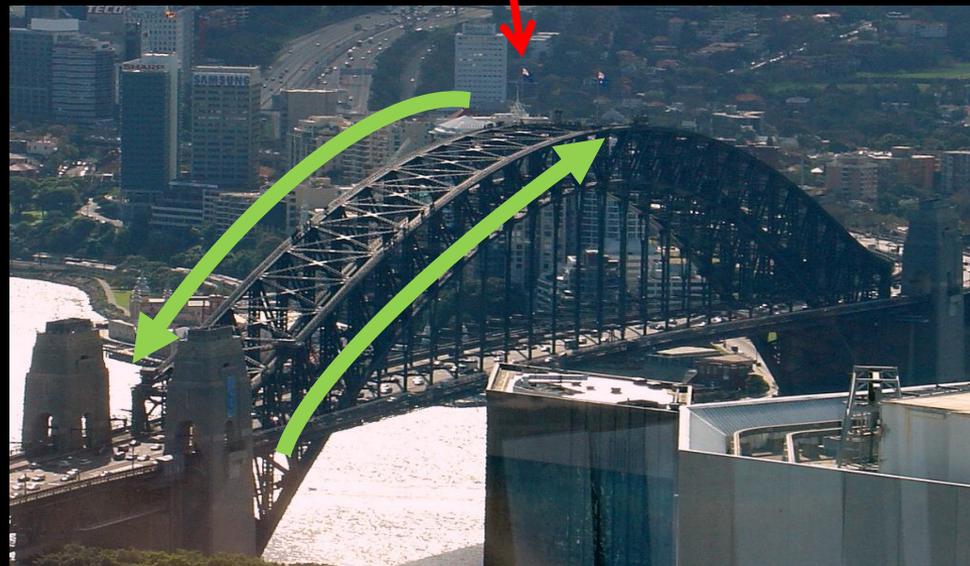
60mph “high”

1 million rivets

Get to Blinky Bill and make a wish

Arrived at sunset, descended
at night

Wife too scared, 12 year old loved it



Sydney wildlife

Australian Ibis in a Sydney Park. 30in, 5.5lb
Was rare in cities, now sometimes a pest



A noisy miner (?) in a Sydney garden. Several hundred per colony

Argiope keyserlingi or
St Andrew's Cross Orb web spider



Solar Sailor

Solar and sail
powered boat
made for 2000
Olympics



Around Sydney

houses up steep slopes with stair lifts !



Around Sydney

many have outdoor
stair lifts



Sydney at night



Around Sydney

The Blue mountains



Sydney at night



Sydney at night

Blinky bill



An aerial photograph of the Great Barrier Reef, showing a large, curved reef structure with varying shades of blue and green, indicating different depths and reef types. The reef is surrounded by deep blue ocean water and scattered white clouds. The title "THE GREAT BARRIER REEF" is overlaid in the center in a bold, pink, sans-serif font.

THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

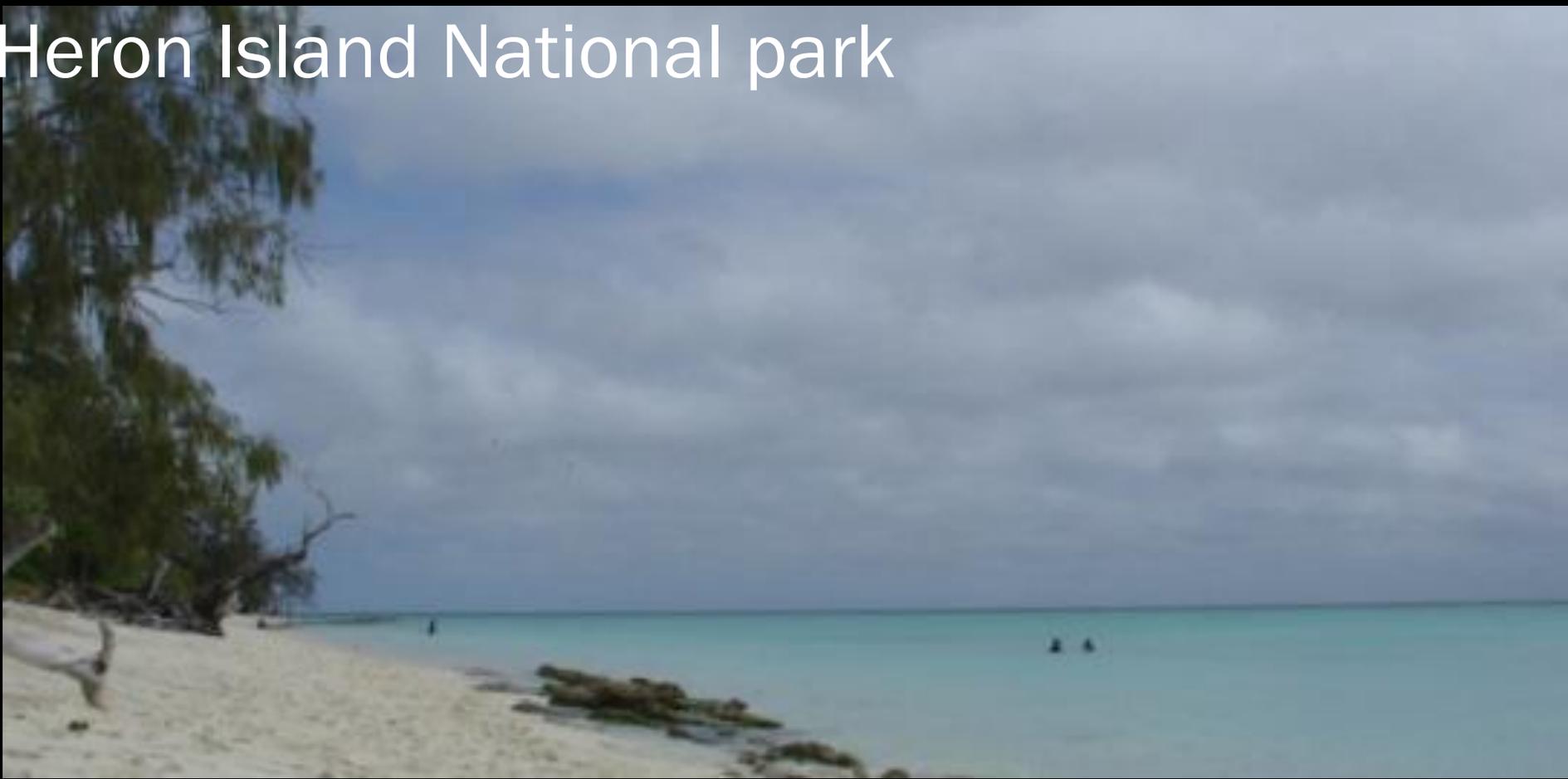
- Off the coast of Queensland
- 1600 miles long
- 2900 reefs and 900 islands
- Formed of coral polyps
- World heritage site
- Tourist attraction



Heron Island - 2hr by Catamaran from Gladstone, QLD



Heron Island National park



2600 * 980 ft

20 minutes walk around the whole island which
tourist cabins (no day trippers) and also has a
marine biology research centre

Wooden frame for goods
“delivery” in shallow coral seas



Heron Island

A sea cucumber

Inspecting coral reef – plastic tube with glass bottom makes for better vision underwater



A ray seen from a glass bottomed boat

Heron Island

good dark skies for night
time photography

The milky way



the moon over the sea



Heron Island – fish photography



My photo,
reflections,
glare, ripples



My 12 year old
daughter's photo
"perfect"

The Great Barrier Reef



Snorkelling

Tasmania (or “Tassie”)

an island 150mi south east of mainland Australia

very liberal and arty

joined to Australian until 10000 years ago



Tasmanian Blue Penguin chick



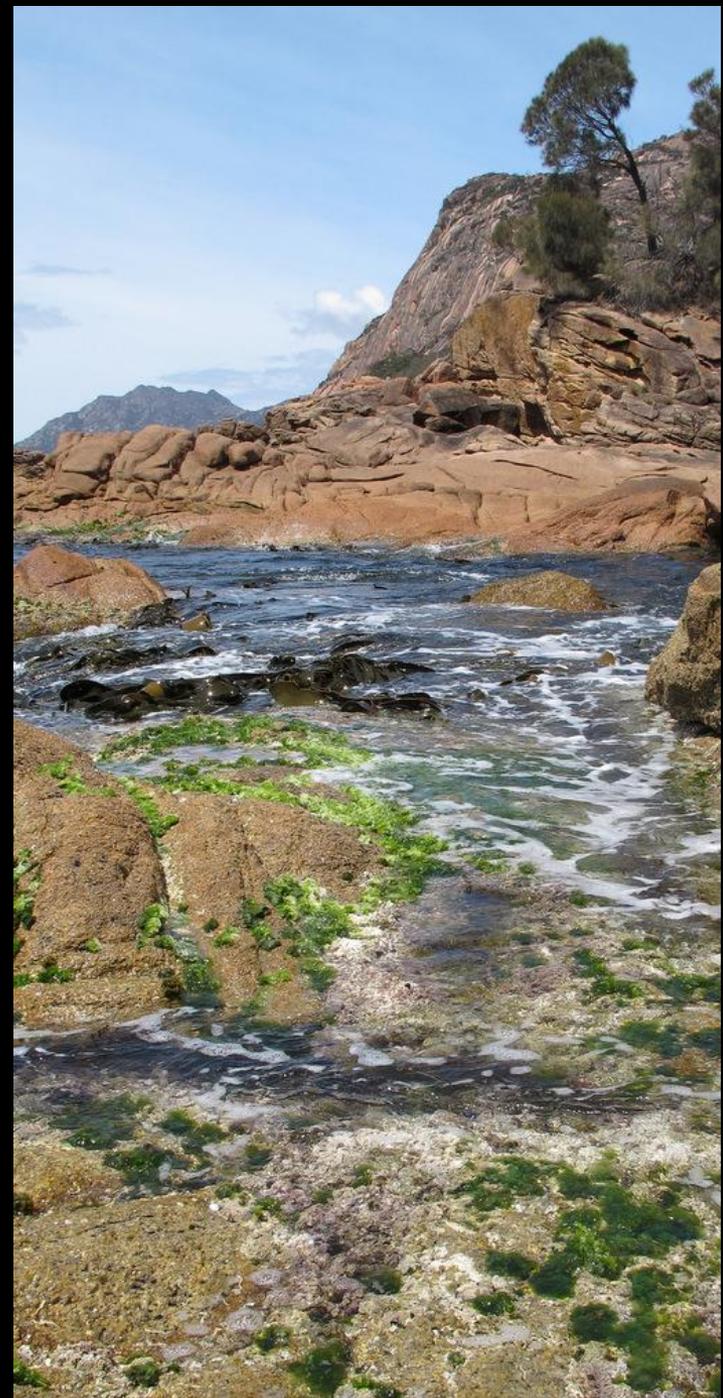
Tasmania

unspoilt, remote, beautiful



Tasmania

unspoilt, remote, beautiful



Freycinet Forest Tasmania



Tahune Airwalk

Huon river was the
colour of strong Tea



Tasmania



Tasmania sculpture



Tasmania wildlife



Australian heron



Masked lapwing

Tasmania wildlife



Huntsman spider
Up to 12" wide

Australian schoolchildren have spider
identification lessons

FUMA PEST ACTUAL SIZE IDENTIFICATION
SPIDER CHART

DEADLY & DANGEROUS

FEMALE SYDNEY FUNNEL-WEB (LONG SPINNERETS) • 25 YEAR LIFE SPAN • GROUND DWELLING • AGGRESSIVE • ONE OF THE WORLD'S DEADLIEST SPIDERS

MALE SYDNEY FUNNEL-WEB (SMALL SPINNERETS) • FOUND IN RUSSHO • UNDER HOUSE, ETC.

RED-BACK • 13 FATALITIES RECORDED • FOUND IN RUSSHO • UNDER HOUSE, ETC.

WHITE-TAIL SPIDER • MAY CAUSE MORNING ULCERATION TO SKIN OF SENSITIVE PEOPLE • FOUND IN THE GARDEN & POOROS

NOTICE: MALE SPIDERS HAVE A SMALLER ABDOMEN, LONGER LEGS & SWOLLEN PALPS (FOR REPRODUCTION)

TOXIC (POISONOUS) — PAINFUL BITE

FEMALE MOUSE SPIDER (SMALL SPINNERETS) • ENLARGED HEAD & FANGS • DEEP PAINFUL, BITE • GROUND DWELLING — OFTEN WITHIN FUNNEL WEB

MALE MOUSE SPIDER (SMALL SPINNERETS) • ENLARGED HEAD & FANGS • DEEP PAINFUL, BITE • GROUND DWELLING — OFTEN WITHIN FUNNEL WEB

COMMON BLACK HOUSE SPIDER • VENOMOUS • NAUSEA, SWEATING, ETC. • OFTEN FOUND IN THEIR WEBS IN WINDOW FRAMES, EAVES, ETC.

WOLF SPIDER • NON AGGRESSIVE • GROUND DWELLING

WARNING: MOST OF THESE SPIDERS CAN BE DANGEROUS TO PEOPLE WITH ALLERGIES OR HYPER SENSITIVITIES

THE "LOW RISK" SPIDERS

SPIDERS CAN BE BENEFICIAL IN THE CONTROL OF MOSQUITOES & FLIES • BUT IF THEY PRESENT A DANGER — CALL FUMAPEST

FEMALE TRAP-DOOR (SWOLLEN PALPS) • MILDLY TOXIC • NON AGGRESSIVE • GROUND DWELLING (BURROW — OFTEN WITHOUT A LID)

MALE TRAP-DOOR (SWOLLEN PALPS) • MILDLY TOXIC • NON AGGRESSIVE • GROUND DWELLING (BURROW — OFTEN WITHOUT A LID)

GARDEN ORB-WEAVING • RELATIVELY HARMLESS • BENEFICIAL • OFTEN SEEN IN A LARGE WEB IN THE GARDEN

SAINT ANDREW'S CROSS • RELATIVELY HARMLESS • BENEFICIAL • OFTEN SEEN IN A LARGE WEB IN THE GARDEN

HUNTSMAN • BITE • RARELY BITES • FOUND UNDER LOOSE BARK, MAY WANDER POOROS

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Daintree national park N. Queensland

(world heritage Tropical rain forest)



Founded in 1981

Wet Tropics of Queensland.

1988 World Heritage List

110m year old rain forest.

Daintree Tropical rain forest evening cruise



Daintree Tropical rain forest – evening cruise

Creatures are dazzled
by torches and sit
perfectly still



Alligators –
though still some people swim



Mangroves at Port Douglas, QLD

Trees growing on the shoreline covered by sea water at high tide
They survive extremes of salinity and temperature



Daintree Tropical rain forest

a race for survival – new plants must grow to the sunlight before others



Strangling fig tree QLD



Northern Queensland birds



Puff banded rail



Blue winged kookaburra

Cassowary –
rare flightless bird we
saw cross the road



Cassowary in a sanctuary

Cassowary

speed bump sign

“after” and “before”



Australian Marsupials

at a rescue centre

Kangaroo with joey



Koala being held on to the branch





THE OUTBACK, CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

Alice Springs

“The Dry creek” Torrential rain in Jan 2011



Feral camels built the ghan then freed, now exported to middle East



Aboriginal life

50,000 years old

Aboriginal flag –
the sun, red earth
and a black sky



Many rock carvings can be found with
symbolic meanings



An aboriginal settlement, outsiders
can't visit



King's Canyon NT

200mi from Alice

900ft high walls

sacred sites to the local people



Our accomodation in the outback



Uluru (Ayer's rock) at sunset.

Sandstone 1100ft high 5mi circumference



Looking in the other direction from Uluru at sunset



Closer to Uluru (Ayer's rock)



Closer to Uluru (Ayer's rock)

It's not prohibited by law but

Why not to climb the rock

No facilities up there

36 people have died

It can get to 41C or more

It offends the local people

It's a Sacred site



Uluru

according to the Anangu people
(the traditional landowners)

The world was once a featureless place. None of the places we know existed until creator beings, in the forms of people, plants and animals, travelled widely across the land. Then, in a process of creation and destruction, they formed the landscape as we know it today.

Anangu land is still inhabited by the spirits of dozens of these ancestral creator beings which are referred to as Tjukuritja or Waparitja.

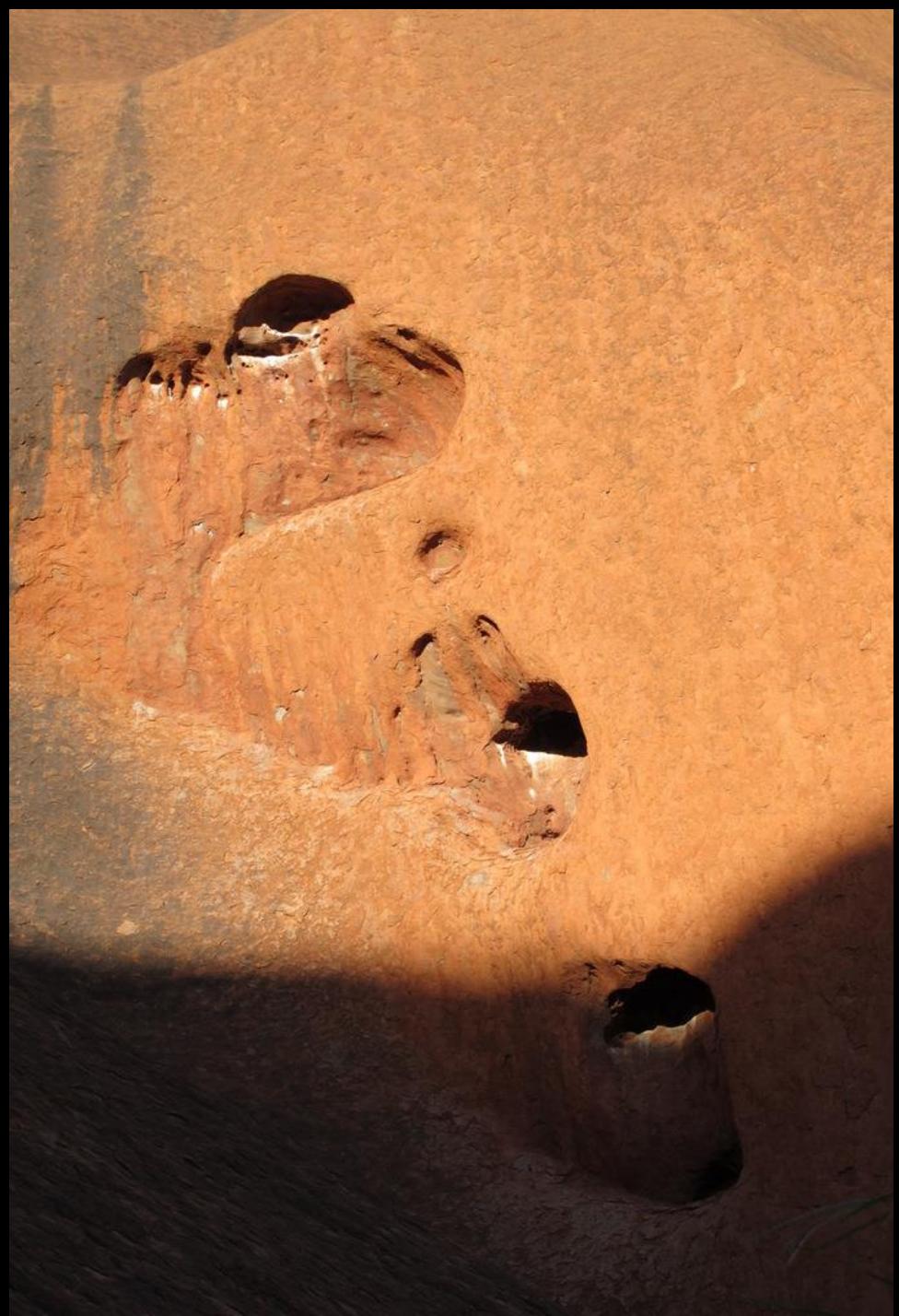


Aboriginal art –
untouched by rain for thousands of years



Uluru close up

All cracks, holes etc. have stories to explain how they happened



Hiking through “the Olgas”



Wildlife around Uluru/Alice

Unknown lizard



Wildlife around Uluru/Alice

Spinifex Pigeon
(Katarartji)
8-9.6in



Wildlife around Uluru/Alice

Perentie Lizard
Largest monitor lizard in
Australia

Grows to 8ft and 33lb

Venomous



This is a town in Queensland



Can anyone guess its name ?



It's Ipswich, Queensland

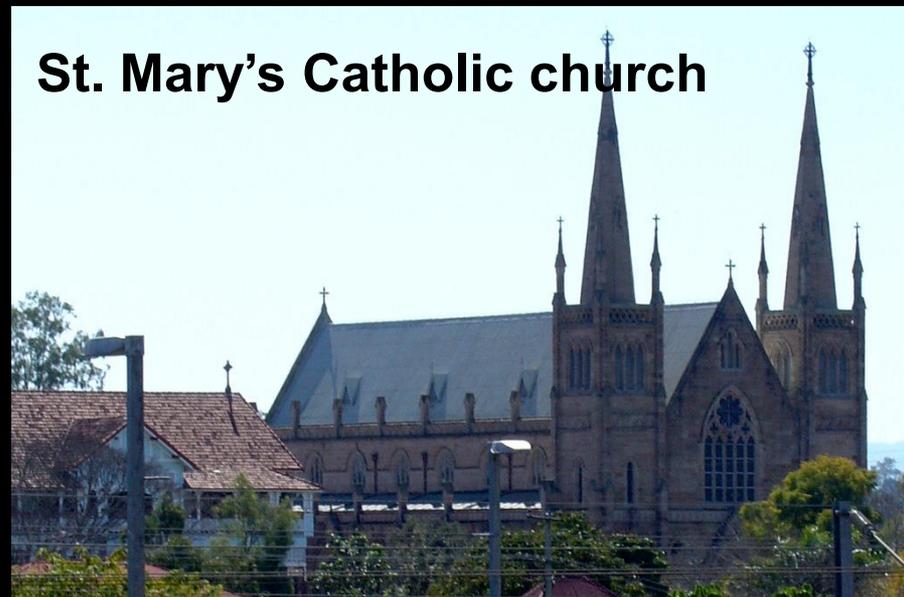


Ipswich, Queensland

Ipswich Post Office



St. Mary's Catholic church



Flying foxes in Ipswich – mega bats



From the plane



Sydney Olympics 2000 Site



From the plane



Thank you for
your attention !



Many pictures from these and other trips are on

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In memory of my late father 1924-1994

