



Anchorage News

Spring!

Historically, spring in Iluka can be expected to be gorgeous days, not too hot, not too cold. There is usually a bit of a wind that picks up after lunch, but all in all, a really lovely time of year. We are *hoping* that this year will prove the same! Baby 'everything's' start to appear and we spend a fair bit of our time rescuing tiny birds who have been blown out of their nests. Already, we have two families of ducks who are enjoying the pond down the back of the park...mums, dads and 19...yes, *nineteen*...ducklings! Two swallows have built their nest in our workshed again...we think it's in a most inappropriate place, but it's the same location as last year, so we guess it's a good one for them. Anne and Graeme think there are baby lorikeets in their bird house at Amarco—they haven't seen them yet, but mum and dad have been acting very protective, so presumably the babies are in there. Soon we will expect the dolphins to bring their babies to our end of the river, where they use the shallow water near our jetty to teach the young ones how to fish. What a great time to be in Iluka!



Comings & Goings

- Graeme & Anne, Karen & Sel play musical chairs this month...it's anybody's guess as to who will be working with whom and when!
- Fred Knox is still in hospital, we hope he gets well soon.
- Bevan is away
- The Orams are back...then away again...then back again
- Welcome to Bev McDean who's new house gave us all something to look at when it came onsite! We welcome her to our little community and hope that she enjoys living here.



September in Iluka

This is a busy month for the Clarence Valley. For those of you visiting our area, there is something on every weekend! Among the events there are: Grafton Music & Arts Festival on Sept 8-11th; Causley Gate To Plate on Sept 10-11th; Iluka Race Day in Grafton on Sept 17th; Living The Good Life Festival on Sept 17-18th and the Family Fun Day on Sept 24th jointly run by IPSA & Iluka Woombah Rotary Club. (The Family Fun Day is to raise money for a public pool for Iluka.) Visit www.clarencetourism.com for a detailed list. Don't forget to get in early to book your accommodation at the Anchorage so you don't miss out!

Technical Stuff

In keeping with our efforts this year to be ahead of the field for computer and web-based activities, we are in the process of establishing an email newsletter. We are happy to receive your feedback on style and/or content. Please tell us anything you want to know more about and we will do our best to source some information for you. If you want to subscribe to the email news, then either let us know at Reception if you are in the park or if you are reading this from our website, then click on the subscribe button that will soon be available at the top of the newsletter page. Don't forget, we are regularly posting on our [Facebook](#) page and we also have a [Blog](#) — 'like', 'friend' or 'follow' us and you'll be current with all our news!

Tourism

Continuing the 'There's Nothing Like Australia' theme now that the 'Oprah' advertising campaign has finished, Tourism Australia is turning their attention to India. In an article recently published Andrew McEvoy, Tourism Australia's Managing Director, says that in addition to being the tenth largest economy in the world and having the second largest population, India is also the largest English speaking country. McEvoy explains that these reasons make India a desirable target for Australian tourism. The new campaign will have Indians already living in Australia or who have recently travelled here, share their positive experiences of Australia. Why not have a look at Tourism Australia's website www.nothinglikeaustralia.com which has lots of information, but be patient, the flash graphics are pretty extensive so it may take a few seconds to load.

A Spring Quizz—see Reception for Answers

Who first came up with daylight savings?

- Ben Franklin
- Albert Einstein
- William Willett

On average, how long do queen bees live?

- 14-27 days
- 6-9 months
- 1-4 years

Which butterfly travels the furthest to get home in spring?

- Monarch
- Painted lady
- Cabbage

Besides flying, what do baby birds learn very early?

- Sing
- Dance
- Find their own food

Four high school boys afflicted with spring fever skipped morning classes. After lunch, they reported to the teacher that the reason they were late was that they had a flat tire.

Much to their relief she smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test today so take seats apart from one another and take out a pen and piece of paper."

Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down. Then she said: "First Question: Which tire was flat?"

