

# b.i.g Newsletter

## What's New



Our Head Office has moved from the beaches to Cairns city. Now we're located in the thriving metropolis of Cairns, doing business just became even easier! Check our Facebook page for before and after photos of the amazing transformation. [www.facebook.com/asaphomestays](http://www.facebook.com/asaphomestays)

Don't forget, we are always creating NEW programs and developing new ideas. If you are looking for something unique, contact our friendly team today.

Or drop in and visit us! Office Suite 26, 'The Pentagon' 25-31 Grafton Street, Cairns QLD Australia



## New website launched

**Australian Farm Tourism** has launched a new-look website just in time for ATE. Shoveling cow patties has never looked so appealing. Check it out for an overview of what we offer; Fully hosted Farmstays, Group Farmstays, Technical Visits, Work Experience, Agricultural Tourism and more....! [www.austfarmtourism.com](http://www.austfarmtourism.com)



## Rugby Tournament returns to Cairns

Our study tour division, EbR will host Meiwa High School in Cairns again this year. They have been visiting since 2009. Mayor Bob Manning also visited their school earlier this year. A mini tournament between England, Japan and Australia will take place at Barlow Park on the 20<sup>th</sup> July from 4pm. **Tickets are free so come and support your country!**

**Japan**  
(Meiwa High School)

VS

**England**  
(Sherborne High School)

VS

**AUSTRALIA**  
(Trinity Anglican School & St Augustine's)



## New direct flights to Cairns are welcomed as a convenient option for Singapore student market



Connectivity between Singapore and Cairns will make it even easier for international student groups to reach our study tour destination. We are looking forward to a boost in numbers from the student group market from Singapore.

This route will also provide vital links to Cairns from Asia and Europe increasing the opportunities for Gap Year travellers from UK and Europe.

## Aussie Home Visit secures contract with AAT Kings



Aussie Home Visit provides the opportunity for tourists to dine with a local family. A 4-hour dinner tour with courtesy transfers. It's perfect for tourists who wish to get to know the locals but do not have time for homestay.

**Contact us for rates if you'd like to sell the top Aussie experience tour**  
[info@edrec.com](mailto:info@edrec.com)



## New FIT Farmstay Packages

australian  
farm tourism

**Fully hosted farmstay packages are now available for the FIT market.** We have farm families all over Australia ready to host individual travellers on their farms for an authentic, fully hosted Australian farm experience. Check out the website for the current packages and regions listed to host.

[www.austfarmtourism.com](http://www.austfarmtourism.com) or [Available Packages & Sample Itineraries](#)



# IRONMAN®

## 70.3® CAIRNS

GREAT BARRIER REEF

Always keen to fundraise for the local community & challenge herself, our Managing Director Janine Bowmaker, will be competing in the Cairns 70.3 Ironman this year! Janine will complete the 90km cycle leg of the race. Her fellow teammates, the Bluewater Babes will do the swim and run. If you would like to sponsor Janine, this year she is donating all funds to COUCH – Cancer Oncology Unit for Cairns Hospital.

[www.teamcouchtriathlon2015.gofundraise.com.au/page/BlueWaterBabes](http://www.teamcouchtriathlon2015.gofundraise.com.au/page/BlueWaterBabes)



## Return of the Interns...!!

22 young Chinese academics from Shanghai Second Polytechnic University are bound for Cairns in July where they will be complete a 6 week International Business and Hospitality Internship.

Last year's program was highly successful, with 13 Interns placed with local companies in our industry. Their studies were part of their assessments in China and their final reports and presentations were extremely professional. Feedback from the Host Employers was extremely positive and we are proud of the valuable contributions they made to our local industry!

**Contact us if you have an Internship position available!**

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## ASAP Homestays

ASAP Homestays 2015 study tour season will be a bumper season again this year with over 66% of the groups being repeat business. We must be doing something right!

All groups will do homestay as well as a combination of cultural integration, ESL, sports, local tours and farmstay. We look forward to another great season!

**Contact us if you would like to host or have a group requiring homestay.**

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