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PROPOSED TRIP

Eubenangee Swamp & Garradunga Hotel

Anticipated Trip Grade: **1** High range and standard road tyres

Trip Leader – **Ian Lomas**

Date – **Sunday 28th February 2010**

Departure – **Simms Sawmill, Gordonvale at 9.45am for 10.00am departure**

Sunday

Meeting place as usual on the south side of Cairns will be at Simms Sawmill. The sawmill is located on the turnoff road to the Gillies Highway and is on the left hand side.

We will drive south and depart the Bruce Highway at Miriwinni turning on to the Bramston Beach Road. We will stop at Eubenangee Swamp for a walk and a look at the wildlife. Eubenangee Swamp National Park is one of the most important wetland areas between Ingham and Cooktown. It contains a number of rare plant species and plays a crucial role in the conservation of the region's wildlife, in particular birds.

From there we will go on to the old canecutters hotel at Garradunga for a rest stop.

We then proceed on the back road to Coconuts on the Beach outside Innisfail for a BBQ lunch. Please bring your steaks, sausages, chicken or whatever you wish to put on the BBQ.

With a game of beach cricket (who has a bat and tennis ball?) and a look around the area we should wind up and head back to Cairns about 3pm.

*This is a social drive and **visitors are more than welcome** to attend.*

Please call the Trip Leader **Ian Lomas** on **4054 4662** or **email** mopoke@westnet.com.au to **confirm** your attendance no later than **21st February 2010**. Please do not just turn up on the day.

Next General Meeting - Wednesday 10th February at 6.30pm at Brothers Leagues Club.

Garradunga Hotel

Originally known as the historic Cane Cutters Hotel, The Garradunga Hotel is located north of Innisfail on the Garradunga road Garradunga in Far North Queensland.

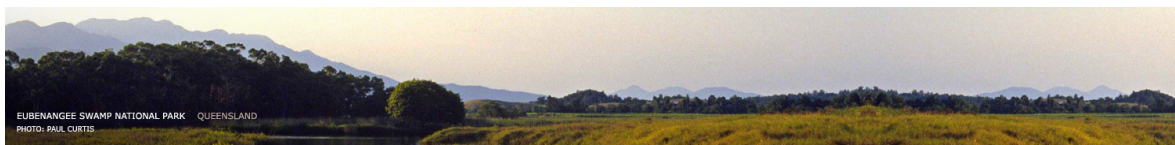
Originally built in 1888 and rebuilt in 1935, the property is famous for its resident ghost which is regularly seen. The hotel was voted by the ABC as 9th most well known hotels in Australia. It is also famous for its family and friendly atmosphere, very popular with tourists.

The pub has been mentioned in a number of songs including "On the Queensland Railway Lines", "Hey Rain", "The Garradunga Song" & also in Poems, one gentleman claims it to be the most friendliest hotel in Queensland.

The building was extensively damaged in cyclone Larry in 2006, with the roof ending up in a cane paddock 200m away. It has since been rebuilt and claims to offer the biggest steaks in Australia complimented with a outside beer garden and accommodation upstairs plus the opportunity to meet some of the friendly locals.



Eubenangee Swamp National Park



Plenty of information about this area on the web try:-

<http://www.wettropics.gov.au/ttd/trackdtl?idtrack=66>