

Crossroads

CROSSROADS Language Studio's Newsletter, September 2009

Clouds to Surf By!



The "Morning Glory" rolling towards the coast near Burketown

When surf and big waves come to mind, most surfing enthusiasts think of Waimea Bay, Maverick's, Cortes Bank and Noosa, but, Burketown? Nobody has heard of Burketown, let alone associate it with surfing!

Burketown, with a population of less than 200 people, is situated near the coast in the south-east corner of the Gulf of Carpentaria, far in the north of Australia; in other words, even beyond Australia's famed



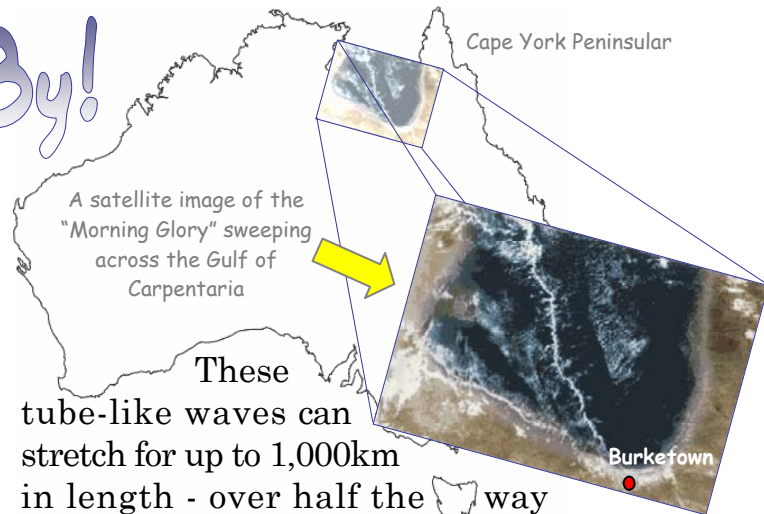
Rolling overland

"outback"! The region is one of the most sparsely populated in the world.

In September and October, spring in the southern hemisphere, a spectacular phenomenon occurs over Burketown and the adjoining areas. It's called the "Morning Glory". At this time of the year, sea breezes blow inland from both sides of Cape York. When these collide along the centre of the Cape, single giant clouds are formed. Powerful, fast moving "waves" can suddenly appear in the otherwise blue sky. They roll across the Gulf and over the adjacent land.



How high can you "surf"?



A satellite image of the "Morning Glory" sweeping across the Gulf of Carpentaria

These tube-like waves can stretch for up to 1,000km in length - over half the way from Kagoshima to Sapporo - and they can travel at over 50km/hour! Surfing at up to a kilometer and a half above the ground, the hang-gliders and glider pilots that visit Burketown each year to ride these improbable "waves", give a new meaning to the term "big wave surfing".

In spring, every year since 1989 when the first Glory was ridden, Burketown becomes quite an international centre as cloud-surfers from around the world gather to test their skills, and nerve, on the Glory. So, if you can, grab your hang-glider and head off to Australia now while the "SURF'S UP"!



"Surfing" the Glory

Net News

NET LESSONS: Are you too busy to come to CROSSROADS?... Try our *lessons on the Internet!* It's CROSSROADS in your home or office! You get CROSSROADS' great teachers, teaching programs, even classmates, *on-line!* Call for details: **089 9217595**

NET SITE OF THE MONTH:

Get more on the "Morning Glory" from the C.A.S. here:
<http://cloudappreciationsociety.org/mg1/>

NET NOTEBOOK: Don't forget to take a look at the Internet activity notebook in our open-house. You'll find games, news and English learning sites.

Some Thoughts for the Month



Joshua Says: Many thanks to all the students and teachers who came to our summer B-B-Q party last month for making it another enjoyable, warm and friendly event. I must say that the atmosphere we are generating at our events could not be more relaxing and entertaining. There are some photos on page 3 for you to check out.

Junko Says: The 1 + 1 Campaign has started! And we would like everyone to get involved, if you can. Your teachers and I have started handing out information on this and the new “member’s cards” and if you have any questions about how either works, please don’t hesitate to visit me in the office. We are now making up a partnership list and this will be available to all students soon.



Alessio Says: Hi everyone, summer is almost over and with it, all its unbearable humidity and heat. August was a traveling month for me. After Kyoto and Osaka, I went to Hiroshima and the beautiful island of Miyajima. I was very sad when I saw the picture of Hiroshima after the bomb. It looked so desolate! Then in Miyajima, the beautiful red shrine in the sea! And of course food! Okonomiyaki and kaki, so good! See you soon... :)

Greg Says: I recently ran into one of my old students from 10 years ago. I was so surprised to hear what she has been doing after all this time. I remember that self-confidence was her weak point. She began to study French twice a week as an extra challenge. Latter, she applied for a job with Air France and became a flight attendant. Now she is married to an Air France pilot, speaks fluent French and English and has houses in Paris, New York and Tokyo. Her dreams have more than come true, and she is a great example of anything being possible!



Emilie Dit: Les nuits se font plus fraîches. C’est déjà la fin de l’été. Nostalgie. J’aime l’été au Japon, son assourdissante chaleur. Qui partage la même fatigue, qui vit au même rythme du soleil et dans l’attente de la tombée de la nuit à la recherche d’une légère brise... Les BBQ, les feux d’artifices, la vie de plein air, et le défilé des yukatas. Ah comme il va me manquer le temps des cigales!

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Images from Last Month's B-B-Q Party



クロスローズの好きなコースで英語を学ぶ。

"GENERAL (ジェネラル) コース

英語+実践練習

60分 x 2回/週:

1学期-4ヶ月毎にレベルが上がる
クロスローズのメインプログラム

90分 x 1回/週:

忙しい方のための週1レッスン

プライベート(個人)

月2回からレッスン回数自由選択

セミプライベート(セミ個人):

月3回からレッスン回数自由選択

クロスローズで学べるその他の外国語

フランス語 - スペイン語 - ドイツ語 - イタリア語 - ロシア語 - 中国語 - 韓国語



COSMOPOLITAN (コスモポリタン) コース

英語+実技を通した実用練習、だから誰でも分かる、自然に上達する。

英語でギターを習う

英語で歌う

英語で料理

英語でマジック

ピアノ

英語劇

ヨガ

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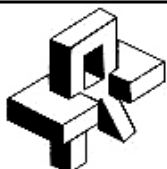
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MOTHER & CHILD

(マザー&チャイルド)

グループOR プライベート



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