

Forget the Russians ... What About the Red-Banded Mango Grub?

Thursday Island is the site of the most northern hotel in Australia, rather obviously called "The Top Hotel". It's also the site of Australia's defense from various invaders including, in the eighteen nineties ... "The Russians".

Australians being terrified of invasion from these northern hemisphere devils with their strange customs and weird food even built a fort on the top of Thursday Island. This was to protect the mainland.

On the Russian battle deck

Alexi: What you think Boris we are invading this Australia and make good for Russia?

Boris: I don know Alexi, they are haffink big guns.

Alexi: Don be stupits Boris they are haffink range of 8 kilometre only.

Boris: Hokay we head strait for eastern coast ant are haffin vodka, borsch ant kreplocks for feast of celebration.

That's right the range of these fantastic armaments was five miles (eight kilometers) so assuming the Russians weren't total "stupits" it is conceivable that they might just slip past. Let's face it, even if you have a map of Thursday Island it is still hard to find and why invade the North when all the good bits are toward the middle of the east coast? But then the same paranoia prevailed in Cooktown.

So here are a few selected shots of Thursday Island which is just after Wednesday Island and before Friday Island. See how simple navigation is if you know your days and the order in which they occur. Don't you wish you had paid more attention at school? The Russians probably do.

Oh, and the current Red Threat up here is not the Russians but the Red-Banded Mango Grub. One of many tropical nasties that threaten our agricultural industry. They currently thrive just a two hour dingy ride to the north in New Guinea.



More soul stealing



Australia's most Northern Defenses



My new island, cute isn't it and Jen says I can have it...



80% of Thursday is owned by the government..... I think these two guys own the rest



Another average sunset on the top end of the west coast of the northern pointy bit