



Smiling Hill Weekly Newsletter

The Big Boys Club



MR LUCAS McGUINNESS (great typically Indonesian name, don't you think?) turns one this weekend and the party is happening at the the Goodies Smiling Hill Pool from 3pm Sunday.

Lucas is the son of Trevor and Anna and they are inviting all their expat and Indonesian friends to come by and join them and other members of the growing Bule Baby Club for drinks and nibbles, especially those who can already bring youngsters of their own (or even those who are just thinking about it).

Another BIG sporting weekend with Aussie Rules and Rugby League play-offs

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*Working Night Shift ?
Starting Early ?
Big (HUGE) night Out ?*

*Why not rock on
down for an EARLY
juice and a hearty
breakfast*

Goodies
RESTAURANT

Extended hours

NOW OPEN

Mon - Sat 6.15am - 9.00pm

Sundays Brunch from 7.30am

Sundowner is back
Sundowner @ Smiling
this FRIDAY

Every Friday Arvo
Come and Enjoy

FREE BEER

From 4.30pm until 6.00pm
So grab your mates and wind down
from the week at GOODIES!

A little background about Batam

BATAM is a vigorous sprawling island city located just 20 kilometres (less than 13 miles) across the water from Singapore – less than an hour by modern fast ferry.

The main districts are Nagoya and Jodoh (retail, commercial, entertainment and hotels) and Batam Centre (Government administration, retail and education).

Batam is booming and for those who have done their homework and understand Indonesia and how it works this small island (two thirds the size of Singapore) can offer attractive investment opportunities.

Batam is the principal centre (though not the capital) of the new Riau Islands Province (*Kepulauan Riau*, usually shortened to Kepri) which split off in 2004 from the Riau Province centred on Pakenbaru, Sumatra.

Its proximity to Singapore is the key to Batam's explosive economic growth, its potential and to its attractiveness as a place to live.

In a little over 40 years Singapore has emerged from colonial domination, the aftermath of Japanese Occupation during World War II, and a period of intense political struggle to become an economic and financial powerhouse and the leading transportation and distribution hub of South East Asia.

Today Singapore is recognised as the economic star of South East Asia - a model of stability, a centre of excellence and a hotbed of enterprise.

Inevitably Singapore's success is spilling over to neighbouring Batam. Savvy regional investors are pouring money into Batam's new commercial, retail, residential and industrial development at a staggering rate –



The changing skyline of downtown Nagoya

many of them clearly view the future Batam as "Singapore East".

Incredibly, only about 35 years ago Batam was still a mass of raw uninhabited jungle with a mere 6,000 to 8,000 residents living in traditional fishing villages scattered around the coastline.

Today the island has become a modern centre of industry and trade with around a million people and 17 industrial estates housing acres of factories, mainly manufacturing electronic components and consumer goods for export.

It has become a magnet for foreign investment from some hundreds of firms from South East and North Asia, Europe, the Americas and Australasia.

It is a base for low-cost ship building and repairs, heavy steel fabrication and services to the oil industry. According to the Batam Industrial Development Authority, the number of dockyards on Batam increased from 12 in 1998 to 71 in 2008. Several are major enterprises employing between 3,000 and 13,000 workers each.

The transformation has made Batam the richest and fastest growing region in Indonesia (by measures such as numbers of cars and electricity consumption it grew at close to 30 per cent annually over the 11 years to 2003). It now routinely matches or exceeds Jakarta as Indonesia's second or third biggest visitor port of entry (after only Bali).

Many Batam Expats know little about the development of the island and its recent history. This material is from our website. You can read more by going to the ABOUT BATAM page at:

www.smilinghillbatam.com

Few places in the world have grown so fast for so long (and this despite the interruption of the Asian Economic crisis of the late 90s).

Despite the fall-out years following the Economic Crisis, Singaporean entrepreneurs continued to look enviously at the strategic location, cheap land and labour, low building costs and other advantages offered by Batam and increasingly moved or expanded their operations to its burgeoning industrial Estates.

As at 2004 Singapore already ranked as Batam's largest source of foreign investors with some 280 Singaporean companies established on the island with major direct investments.

The world-wide boom in oil and gas in the period to late 2008 flowed on to Batam and bulging order books in the fabrication, pipe manufacture and shipyards are powering a new round of expansion.

The subsequent economic downturn has slowed and delayed some ventures and impacted some industries, particularly electronics manufactures. However, overall Batam continues to record strong growth and is showing all the signs of recovering quickly as international economic circumstances improve.

Perceptive newcomers who see Batam's acres of new construction and the continuing speed of development quickly recognise it is a place where something special is happening.

Next Week - Special Economic Zone

SUPER Workers Lunchtime Specials ONLY Rp 50.000

All Day, Everyday Monday- Sunday

Goodies

Save Valuable Time & Order Ahead

PH Restaurant 0778 450533 or Steve 0812 77175558





Congratulations Marcus and Finah

THE EXPAT community is offering congratulations to long-time Batam resident Marcus Knight and his partner Finah who have taken the plunge and made their vows.

Marcus is well-known in the expat community and has lived at Happy Garden, Jodoh for around 8 years. He is also an investor in the Smiling Hill re-development project.

He and Finah are also members of the Bule Baby Club with beautiful Rebecca just turned 9 months and starting to take over her world.

MAX DEAN

PADI INSTRUCTOR

#484644

Dive Skills & Qualifications:

- **Open Water, Adventure, Enriched Air, Rescue, Wreck, Night & Deep.**
- **EFR First Aid & CPR**
- **Digital Photographer & Videographer**
- **Dive Master & Project Aware**

Costs

- **Prices range from SGD \$50 for a refresher courses in the pool to SGD \$400 for Open Water Dive**
- **Gear & Tanks additional**

Note

- **Dive trips to Trikora Beach on Bintan Island also available on request.**

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**Life is like a boat
- without water
it serves no
purpose!**



Internet Problems ?

MANY PEOPLE have been having problems with the Speedy Internet service over past weeks - not fast, not slow but rather much of the time not at all!

If you are affected you might want to check out the Indosat M2 USB wireless stick system (Pictured above). You can buy it from their office in minutes at Rp 450,000 for the hardware and supporting software and then pay Rp200,000 a month for unlimited downloads at good speeds (at least for the first three gigabytes) through the mobile phone network. You can top up as you like.

Telkomsel also has a similar system - but they want you to pay more, sign up for a year and then wait seven days for the paperwork to be completed before starting - talk about SPEEDY!

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*If interested please call
Steve 0812 7717 5558*



Whats on.... Sports



September 17th - September 24th

FRIDAY September 17th

- 12.00 noon **Australian Football Highlights**
- 4.30pm **Australian Football** : Geelong v Collingwood (PF1)
- 8.00pm **Rugby League** : Raiders v West Tigers (SF1)

Saturday September 18th

- 4.00pm **Australian Football** : Bulldogs v St Kilda (PF2)
- 7.30pm **Rugby League** : Roosters v Panthers (SF2)
- 6.40pm **English Premier League** : Stoke v West Ham
- 8.55pm **English Premier League** : Everton v Newcastle
- 8.55pm **English Premier League** : Tottenham v Wolves
- 11.25pm **English Premier League** : Sunderland v Arsenal
- 11.30pm **English Premier League** : West Brom v Birmingham

Sunday September 19th

- 12.00 noon **V8 Supercars** : Championship Series Phillip Island
- 3.57 pm **MotoGP C'ship** : Aragon Grand Prix
- 7.25pm **English Premier League** : Man U v Liverpool
- 8.55pm **English Premier League** : Wigan v Man City
- 9.55pm **English Premier League** : Chelsea v Blackpool

We now have two BIG SCREENS so we can show two different sports at the same time!



BATAM JOBS SEARCH

VACANCIES

RIG MECHANIC - Urgently required Senior Rig Mechanic with planned maintenance and preservation experience. This is a straight in at the deep end job so no chance of anybody winging it - must know drilling rig equipment. - Inquiries to hfpark@gmail.com

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

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Current Address: Apartment 1, Palm Hill Bungalows,
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BATU AMPAR

School :

Standard Grade Business Management	(Credit 2.0)
Physical Education	(Credit 2.0)
English	(General 3.0)
Mathematics	(General 3.0)
History	(General 3.0)
Administration	(General 3.0)

Post School Courses:

OPITO offshore survival (Including MIST)
Introduction to Rigging (Australian Skills Training in South East Asia)
Introduction to Scaffolding (Australia Skills Training in South East Asia)

Work History

September 2007 to March 2008 :

Dingwall College: Access to construction course for 6 months. This involved basic brickwork building small walls, joinery works (constructing a wooden house along with classmates), electrical work (examining switchboards , domestic wiring etc). This course provided a good introduction to three of the main trades in construction on a typical building site.

April 2008 to December 2009:

Morrisons Supermarket: Stock taking , stacking shelves and providing quality customer service.

January 2009 to September 2009:

Working on construction site in far north of Scotland assisting the bricklayer & joiners in the construction of a new house. This also involved working with scaffolding and assisting plumbers & heating engineers. I was able to apply much of what I learned during the Dingwall College training in 2007 and to build on my knowledge and improve my skills.

This newsletter reaches many members of the Batam Expat community. We are introducing this page as a service to these readers. If you are seeking employees or seeking a job then just send us the details and we will publish your contribution as space permits - and it's FREE!

November 2009 to April 2010:

Cap Gemini (IT assistant): My main task was taking phone calls from businesses having problems with accessing the internet, logging their calls and details and assigning the call log to the appropriate management department for action.

April 2010 to July 2010:

General labouring on private dwelling house sites - primarily working alongside bricklayers making concrete batches, moving of blocks, cutting and measuring bricks for finishings and the cleaning of all tools and equipment. Tasks included the erection / dismantling of scaffolding.

May 2010 to September 2010:

Visiting family in Indonesia and attending training courses as available.

Hobbies: Football , Tennis , Snooker , going to the gym and any sports in general .

Additional Information:

I am 19 and looking for a job which allows me to use my hands and develop skills which will allow me to enhance my learning and earning capabilities.

I am a reliable hard worker and apply myself to completing assigned tasks quickly and effectively. I accept direction and will readily ask for guidance as required. I am a positive thinker. My father is employed in the oil industry and has worked at locations around the world. I am very keen to also join this industry and am prepared to work as hard as it takes to get a start.



Car for Rent

Black Honda CRV - 2008 model. Excellent order inside and out. Insured. Rp 8m month.

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