



# Smiling Hill Weekly Newsletter



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for  
important  
VISA  
information



**Where did all the Irish go?????** A small turn-out for St Paddy's Day at Goodies - but what the heck. The quality was, as always, excellent. Our very own McGuinness led the green beer toast! (Still plenty of Irish stew and cheesecake should it take your fancy over the next couple of days.)

**Goodies open all Easter long weekend!**



My butt hurts!

What?



**WAT'S ON.. GOODIE'S SUPER WORKERS LUNCH**  
**SPECIALS ONLY RP 50000**  
 MON - FRI  
**SAVE VALUABLE TIME & ORDER AHEAD**  
 PH RESTAURANT 0778 450533  
 OR STEVE 0812 7717 5558

**NEXT WEEK SPECIALS**

**STEVE'S BURGER**  
**STEAK, BACON, EGG, CHEESE & ONION W' MAYO**

**DELICIOUS CRUMBED DORY**  
**SERVED WITH CHIPS, SALAD AND TARTARE SAUCE**

**CHICKEN PARMIGIANA**  
**CRUMBED CHICKEN TOPPED WITH RICH TOMATO SAUCE, HAM & CHEESE**

**Sundowner © Smiling**  
 Every Friday Come and enjoy  
**FREE** beer From 4.30 until 6pm!!!!  
 So grab ya mates and come on down!



## VISITOR VISA EXTENSIONS

GOOD NEWS for non-ASEAN passport holders entering Batam on a single entry Visitor or Business Visa and wanting to extend beyond the automatic 30-days (29 nights) allowed for a \$US25 for a Visa on Arrival. Indonesian Immigration Authorities made a sudden announcement on January 26 that the US\$10 seven-day (six-night) visa had been abolished. Just in time for the Visit Batam 2010 program!

At the same time they announced it would be possible to extend the 30-day Visa on Arrival by a further 30 days WITHOUT leaving Indonesia and re-entering. The trouble was that there was no information released on where or how to apply for the extension and Batam Immigration officers were in the dark too.

We can now confirm that there is indeed a system and that it works quite smoothly. American visitors Joe Kittrick and his wife Sheryl became the second and third people to obtain the Visa extension (the first was reportedly a Buddhist monk from China).

To apply take your passport to the Immigration office on the third floor of the Sumatra Promotions Office (Gudang Sumatera) near the ferry terminal at Batam Centre (this is the office that now routinely handles KITAS/Work Permit Visas). Speak with the two young women in Jilbabs at the counter and they will assist you with the paper work. Pay the RP250,000 cost of the Visa and Rp60,000 administration fee (note payments in rupiah – not foreign currency). You will then have your thumbprint taken and be photographed. A stamp similar to that for a KITAS will be entered in your passport.

If your original 30-day visa still has days to run, the extension will be dated from when the original visa is due to expire. Joe says it is best to ensure you lodge your application in the morning – otherwise the staff member who takes the thumbprints and photographs may not be present and you will have to return next day.

By the way, there is reportedly a push for a special exemption to allow reintroduction of the US\$10 seven-day Visa on Arrival for Batam, but probably not a good idea to hold your breath.



# What's on... Sports

### Week March 16-22

<u>Friday</u>	<u>March 19</u>
10am-1pm	<b>Cricket</b> NAB Test Series 1st Test - Day 1 NZ VS Aus
1.30pm	<b>Rugby Super 14's</b> Blues VS Brumbies
3.30pm	<b>Rugby NRL</b> Dragons VS Bulldogs
6pm	<b>Rugby NRL</b> Rabbitohs VS Titans
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>March 20</u>
11.30am	<b>Rugby Super 14's</b> Crusaders VS Lions
1.30pm	<b>Rugby NRL</b> Sharks VS Warriors
6.30pm	<b>Rugby Super 14's</b> Sharks VS Highlanders
9pm	<b>Rugby Super 14's</b> Waratahs VS W.Force
9.20pm	<b>Rugby 6 Nations</b> Italy VS Wales
11pm	<b>Rugby NRL</b> Storm VS Knights
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>March 21</u>
11am	<b>Rugby NRL</b> Eels VS Sea Eagles
3.30pm	<b>EPL</b> Man UTD VS Liverpool



Can change if there is a preference for a different sport...just let us know



There I Fixed It

Apartments still available  
If you're interested, please  
contact Steve 0812 7717 5558

**Palm Hill Bungalows &  
Goodies Restaurant @ Smiling Hill**

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