

Sunday 20th May '80

Dear Mrs. Peter,

Luote Sylandt made the news this week being cutting enclosed - hence the note - paper. I am not sure that it is in good taste - although the croc. evidently thought so. A bakery in Darwin now markets crocodile pies, said to taste something like chicken. I haven't been that hungry yet. Also enclosed is an illustration of a new hotel for Melbourne for no particular reason other than to let you know what is going on in the old home town. A new hotel is probably the last thing we need at present but it will include a number of new opportunities to go shopping.

We have just returned from Bruder's Park (near Frankston). This is Rupert Murdoch's mother's place - quite a big property. (He wasn't exactly a deprived child.) As you might recall, we went there about this time last year. We had a bar-becue lunch - no shrimps, but very well presented. Nearly

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all of the Confidential Trade office was there - including the
Supper-Office staff and wives & husbands flown down for the
weekend. There was a seminar and inspirational or
motivational meeting prior to the barbie. This was held
at the Peninsular Golf Club. I decided to miss the
meeting part of the day in case I was inspired too much
by it. It would be a pity to let work interfere with my
snooker or bowls, in fact I am thinking of dusting off my
pool bats (or whatever you call them) and trying to get into
some sort of form before your next visit.

On the way down to Dame Elizabeth's, we
called in on Dan & Marie. As usual their house & garden
were in great shape. They seem to spend a fair amount of
time in the garden at the house and surgery, but that is good
therapy for anyone with an inside job during the week.
We looked after Claire & Jayne on Friday night (until
11:50 PM). Elaine & Bronnie went to dinner and a dance at
Peters Cottage Wandsworth, to celebrate Bronnie's birthday.
Janey & Neil & family went down to San Remo for the week-
end, so we didn't see them.

Tomorrow (Monday) we are off for the day with
the Inobus club, to Point Nepean - down past Portsea.
It is a restricted area not accessible without permission,
but is supposed to be quite a scenic spot. Hope the weather
holds out. It was fine & sunny for most of the day today,
but the breeze was quite cold - temperature 60° - and beginning
to feel like winter.

It was good of you to ring on Monday. It is always good
to hear from you. I must have sounded a little hard but I
was expecting David to arrive any minute to take me to work
and I wasn't ready to go. He was a pretty good service and
I don't like to keep him waiting. Mum mentioned that David
had bought himself a Jaguar (car). When asked what sort, both
Lorna & Mum agreed that it is a red one! Presumably a little later
than your old MK VII. Anyway you may like to check. His number
is (059) 64 4976 or chel 7351000. Love June & Glen x x x

WEATHER

TOMORROW: Fine, cool and partly cloudy. Max 17.
OUTLOOK: Wednesday cloudy with rain developing, Thursday a few showers.

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'Bloody big' croc

BY KAREN MCGUINNESS

A 44-year-old Darwin man killed by a 3.2 m saltwater crocodile on Groote Eylandt was aware of how dangerous the animals were, his boss said today.

Telecom external plant manager Basil Herthly said radio lineman Albert Juzeliunas had flown from Darwin to Groote Eylandt, 630 km south-east of Darwin, last Friday afternoon.

"Whether he went for a walk along the water's edge, or for a swim, none of us knows," Mr Herthly said. "But he knew about the risk of crocodiles in

the area, and for him to take a swim, knowing the danger, would certainly have been out of character."

Sgt Glensy Simpson, of Darwin police, said part of Mr Juzeliunas's remains were found inside the crocodile and "some outside".

"It is yet to be confirmed, but I would say he died of shock and loss of blood," Sgt Simpson said. "A 3.2-metre croc is a bloody big croc. It would be terrifying seeing that come at you."

The dead man was with three other Telecom employees, Richard Lane, Romak Rabomski and

William Pretlove. The four were sent to the area to lay lines from the Aylangula exchange in the island to the Gemco manganese mine. The job was to take them about two weeks.

Sitting

Mr Herthly said when the team arrived they picked up their tools and equipment, sent by sea from Darwin, and went to the fishing village house they were renting, opposite the Bartalumba Bay wharf.

"He (Mr Juzeliunas) was sitting at the table in the kitchen of the house about 11 pm," he said.



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kills beach man

"The other chaps decided to go to bed, and left Albert sitting there.

"When the blokes got up the next morning they found his cigarettes and wallet sitting on the table, but Albert was missing. They knew immediately something had happened because Albert was always the first to get up when he was on away-from-home jobs."

Mr Herlily said the three men then searched the area before raising the alarm. Police, conservationists and locals immediately went out to search.

Mr Herlily said Mr Juze-

linnas was an "average guy, very friendly, good hearted, a good worker and a good family man".

"He wasn't the sort of guy to take any chances."

Mr Juzelinnas left a wife and two children aged four and six.

Darwin police today said the crocodile was shot at 10.15 pm on Saturday, after conservationists and police recognised it as the one which had, earlier in the week, snatched a dog from the arms of a fisherman.

Some of the remains were found in the sea yesterday, about 800 m from the beach.

The contents of the crocodile's stomach, with the other remains of the man, were today sent to Darwin for an autopsy.

There have been several crocodile attacks in the area in the past few years, including the death of a trawler skipper, John Anthony Miller, in 1986.

Deception Bay is a picturesque coastal village about 5 km from Alyangula, the town on the island's west coast which services the manganese mine.

Police have warned people about swimming in the bay, and walking along its shores.

"The crocodiles are there,"

Sgt Simpson said. "They are a protected species.

"If they're sighted, they're usually captured by conservationists and taken to a crocodile farm. "But there are still a lot out there swimming freely.

"There are signs saying 'no swimming' and people should realise how dangerous the area is."

The bay is a popular fishing spot used mainly as a boat mooring and signs warn of the danger of crocodiles in the area.

\$300m plan for Hotel Australia

BY ARDYN BERNOTH

Plans have been announced for a \$300 million hotel and retail development on the old Australia Hotel site in Collins St.

The Australia, once a mecca for Melbourne's establishment, will become "Australia on Collins", a 240-suite, five-star hotel with five levels of specialty shops.

The 111 shops will be encased in a glass atrium and will be spread through a number of arcade levels linked by criss-crossing escalators. There will also be several restaurants, and 20 food stalls in the basement.

Eight floors of hotel suites will rise from the retail levels in a giant U-shape.

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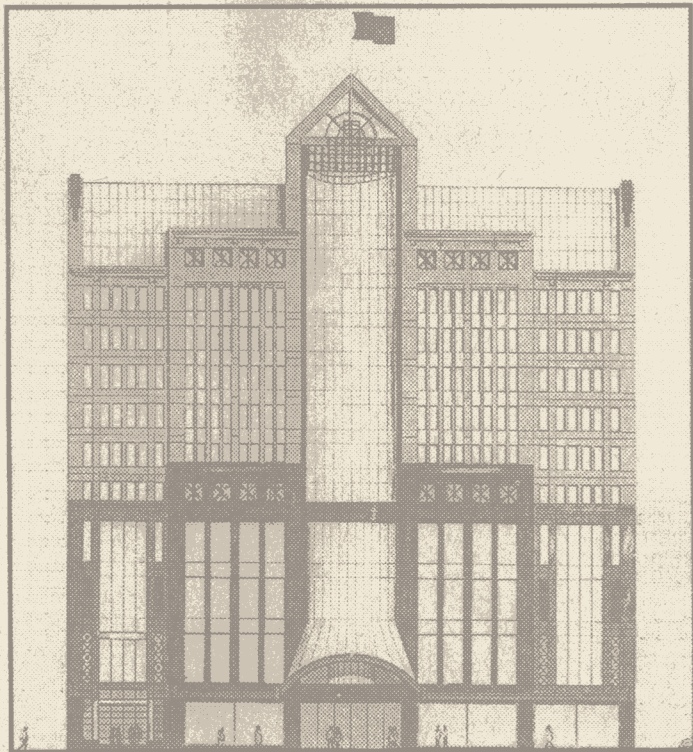
The development is being carried out by Citistate, which has also been involved in Sydney's Darling Harbor project.

Citistate's Victorian manager, Mr Keith Donaldson, said today the key to the project's success was its position in the heart of Melbourne and its part in a major pedestrian link.

The project would be completed by mid-1992, and is part of a retail renewal of the city worth billions of dollars.

City retailers are hoping projects such as this, and the \$1 billion Melbourne Central shopping emporium, will breathe new life into city shopping.

Citistate last week signed a contract with builder Multiplex



The proposed Australia on Collins hotel redevelopment.

Pty Ltd, and construction will start immediately. Its executive chairman, Mr David Baffsky, said the project would offer accommodation and retailing which would set a new standard for the Melbourne CBD.

"It is very pleasing to Citistate to be involved in a project which will have a major influence on accommodation, shopping activities and lifestyle in Melbourne," he said.

The Australia Hotel was one of the stars in the Melbourne social scene and the developers hope history can be repeated.

"It will be a building ready to make its contribution to plans for the City of Melbourne to stage the Olympic Games in 1996," Mr Baffsky said.

The architect, planner and interior designer is Buchan Laird and Bawden Pty Ltd.

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