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 >--Diary of a Karratha Summer (by a Pom)
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 >August 31st
 >Just got transferred with work into our new home in Karratha, Western
 >Australia now this is a town that knows how to live!! Beautiful sunny
 >days and warm balmy evenings.
 >What a place! I watched the sunset from a deck chair on the verandah
 It
 >was beautiful.
 >I've finally found my home. I love it here.
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 >September 13th:
 >Really heating up. Got to 35 today. Not a problem. Live in an air-
 >conditioned home, drive an air-conditioned car. What a pleasure to see
 >the sun everyday like this. I'm turning into a sun worshiper.
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 >September 30th:
 >Had the backyard landscaped with tropical plants today. Lots of palms
 >and rocks.
 >What a breeze to maintain. No more mowing lawn for me. Another
 scorcher
 >today, but I love it here.
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 >October 10th
 >The temperature hasn't been below 35 all week. How do people get used
 >to this kind of heat?
 >At least today it's kind of windy though. But getting used to the heat
 >is taking longer than I expected.
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 >October 15th
 >Fell asleep by the pool. Got 3rd degree burns over 60% of my body.
 >Missed 3 days of work. What a dumb thing to do. I learned my lesson
 >though. Got to respect the ol' sun in a climate like this.

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>October 20th
>I missed Kitty (our cat) sneaking into the car when I left this morning.
>By the time I got to the hot car for lunch, Kitty had died and swollen up to the size of a shopping bag and stank up the \$3,000 leather upholstery. I told the kids that she ran away. The car now smells like Wiskettes and cat shit. I learned my lesson though. No more pets in this heat.
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>October 25th
>The wind sucks. It feels like a giant fuckin blow dryer!! And it's hot as hell. The home air-conditioner is on the blink and the AC repairman charged \$200 just to drive over and tell me he needed to order parts.
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>October 30th
>Been sleeping outside by the pool for 3 nights now. Bloody \$600,000 house and we can't even go inside.
>Why did I ever come here?
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>November 4th
>It's 38 degrees. Finally got the ol' air-conditioner fixed today.
>It cost \$1,500 and gets the temperature down to 25, but the bloody humidity makes the house feel like it's about 30. Stupid repairman.
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>I hate this stupid fuckin place.
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>November 8th
>If another wise arse cracks, "Hot enough for you today?" I'm going to fuckin throttle him. Fuckin heat!
>By the time I get to work the car's radiator was boiling over, my clothes are soakin fuckin wet, and I smell like baked cat!!
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>November 9th
>Tried to run some messages after work. Wore shorts, and sat on the black leather seats in the ol' car.
>I thought my fuckin arse was on fire. I lost 2 layers of flesh and all the hair on the back of my legs and my fuckin arse. Now my car smells like burnt hair, fried arse, and baked cat.
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>November 10th
>The weather report might as well be a fuckin recording. Hot and sunny. Hot and sunny. Hot and fuckin sunny.
>It's been too hot to do anything for 2 damn months and the weatherman says it might really warm up next week. Doesn't it ever rain in this damn fuckin place? Water rationing will be next, so my \$5,000 worth of palms just might dry up and blow into the fuckin pool. Even the palms can't live in this fuckin heat.
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>November 14th
>Welcome to HELL!!! Temperature got to 41 today. Now the air-conditioner's gone in my car.
>The repairman came to fix it and said, "Hot enough for you today?"
>My wife had to spend the \$2,500 mortgage payment to bail my arse out of jail for assaulting the stupid fucker. Fuck Karratha! What kind of a sick demented fuckin idiot would want to live here?
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>December 1st
>WHAT????? This is the first day of Summer???? You are fuckin kiddin!
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