

## **Part 269 for Cathy's Blog**

**Tuesday 27th May to Saturday 31st May, 2025**

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**Temple Day : Prasat Top West**

An interesting morning for fungi.













**This wood cockroach would scurry then stop. Hard to see him when he was still.**



**Nice colours for this caterpillar.**

It is still hot and humid, so our morning trips are short.

**Wednesday 28th May, 2025.**

**Anjali and cleaning day.**

I made a draft sausage. Usually, they are to keep the cold wind out, but here I will use it to keep the air conditioned cool air in the bedroom. I will check the electricity bill next month.

Our electricity here is significantly cheaper than in Melbourne. In Melbourne, we never ran an air conditioner overnight, or had the fans on most of the day. Even so, the electricity bill was big.

For tea we went to a new (for us) restaurant. It is run by three women. The premises are beautifully clean and decorated with China plates. They have wooden "Connect Four" games sets on the tables.

The meals are a good size and a good price, so it is a surprise that not more people know of it.

It is called "Our Place" on Street 25 (other side of the river).

**Thursday 29th May, 2025.**

## **Temple Day : Bat Chum**

Bay Chum has three towers on a single base. Workers have been restoring it for more than two years. It seems they have finished their task. One of the towers still is heavily scaffolded.



Interesting carving on the lintel for the third tower (displayed on the ground).



This is one of about 20 figures carved along the top of the lintel.



A moat runs around three sides of this temple (and it fills with water).



**There are plenty of interesting bushes and trees around the moat.**



**Including pineapples (or relatives of them).**



### **Pretty big pineapples!**

Actually it is a *pandanus odoratissimus* a plant the locals use the leaves from (stripping off the spikes!), then dry and weave leaves, making the mats used for sitting on and sleeping on.

**Another interesting insect, too.**





**This is a pretty butterfly, plain in colour, but with lovely patterns.**

My Language class in the afternoon went well.

## **Friday 30th May, 2025.**

It was raining, so this morning we stayed home.

Again, language class went well (it is easier if I have done some work reviewing during the week!). Two chapters in the level two book to go.

## **Saturday 31st May, 2025.**

We broke with tradition and stayed home. I have a lot of work to do on two language tests.

And so May ends, with some decent heavy rainfall, but no water lying around yet. The forest / jungle is certainly green and growing and the fungi have sprung up. The mango season this year has been the best (apparently it is a bi-yearly thing).