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I was told about their beautiful colors, but they're rather difficult to observe when you find them in that particular position.

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And how they ever got the name of being the wild parrots of Currumbin, I couldn't possibly tell you.

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But they never stopped eating. It's bird land again.

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And now, leaving the birds, we go back to the Koala Bear Country.

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They were so friendly down south I didn't see how they could be cross here at night.

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Now, between the tails of the kangaroos you'll find the Great Barrier Reef.

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And we're going to take this boat from Mackay. We're going out into the Whitsunday Islands.

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Now the Barrier Reef covers 80,000 square miles.

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It is 12,050 miles in length.

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At it's maximum width, 150 miles. At it's minimum width, only 12 miles.

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And here, is Brampton Island, one of the most attractive of them all.

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Total area of about three square miles. You'll find coconut trees and wild goats.

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And both the goats and the coconut trees were introduced by the government,

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so that if any shipwrecked mariners should find themselves in this area, this dates back many years ago,

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they would have a form of sustenance until they could be rescued.

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Now on Brampton there are beautiful, tropical flowers. There are modern bungalows.

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You can have your own bungalow, bedroom and shower,

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three excellent meals per day, all for \$7 per day inclusive.

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And if you like a little painting, as this man from Melbourne did,

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well there are many beautiful scenes right there to transfer to your canvas.

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There is fishing and swimming and tennis,

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and there's fossicking, as we'll see later in our visit to Brampton this evening.

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Now, I was to charter a very small craft. Here it is.

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Actually wasn't much of a charter.

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And Gold will only beach on the far side of the island for picnic lunch and for swimming.

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And as we were heading toward this beach here, the man who was operating the



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