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However, baby food, medications and special dietary items in LAG form will be accepted but subject to additional checks at the security screening point.

The odd confusion over the way some people speak English here, even native English speakers, must be a constant headache for local service staff. After a busy night partially destroying a bathroom and just arriving back from the hospital (a whole different story), three English lads opted for breakfast at a local guesthouse. Two of the three opted for the full English breakfast but one of them ordered "3 boiled eggs" (tee boil eck). The new waitress interpreted this as "T Bone Steak" which he got with all the trimmings at 09.30 in the morning. Taken with good humour and eaten with gusto especially when he was told he would only have to pay for the eggs.

After a spate of environment-induced demises in the later part of last year, it just shows that living in paradise has its downside. To stay on top of things quite a few people have been getting into the fitness trip to make sure everything is working as it should. Feeling pretty confident, one regular exerciser took on a challenge to run the 8km circuit from Montes, down along Nanai Road, up the hill to Hasipee Road, past Tavern on the Hill and back to Montes. This had to be done all non-stop of course and it all started off pretty well. In the home stretch, however, our runner realised there was more than just the hilly course to contend with and made an almost imperceptible stop in front of the Hilltop Hotel. As any stop was enough, no matter how short, to void the challenge, the players then decided they may as well stay at the Hilltop for a few beers and watch the sun go down. Some places are just hard to get past.

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