



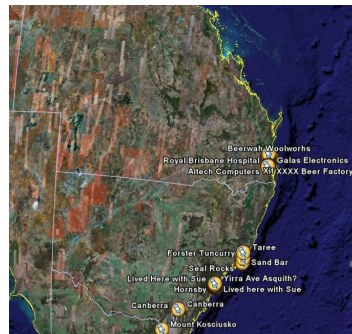
**Google Earth** is an excellent ( free ) program to check out the current planet you are living on. Find any location on the planet earth and zoom in to get as best detail that is available. The controls are easy to master and the secret is to just play around until you figure it out.

It's a lot of fun and has been updated with new functions since the original version so even if you have used it for a while, it's wise to check for the updated version, download it and check the new interface and options the new version provides.

Being a heavy download for each place you visit this program *requires a broadband internet connection.*

When you have found what you want you can tilt and rotate the picture as shown in the final demo pic below. You can print, save the image to a file or email the photo to a friend. You can also save the location so you can find it again later.

Note that although the satellite images are great in some places they are poor in others. Also, the images may show data that is months or even years old as it all depends when the last overhead image was taken by a passing satellite.



***Have fun with Google Earth !***