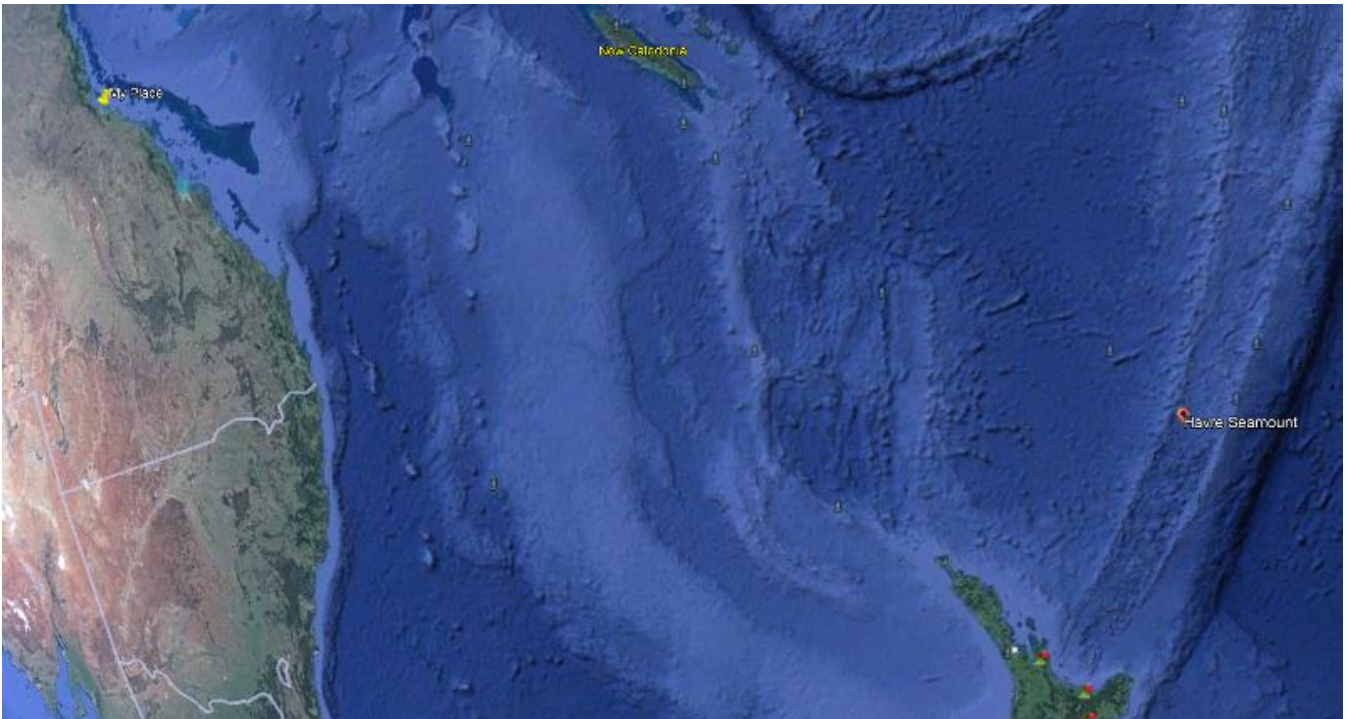


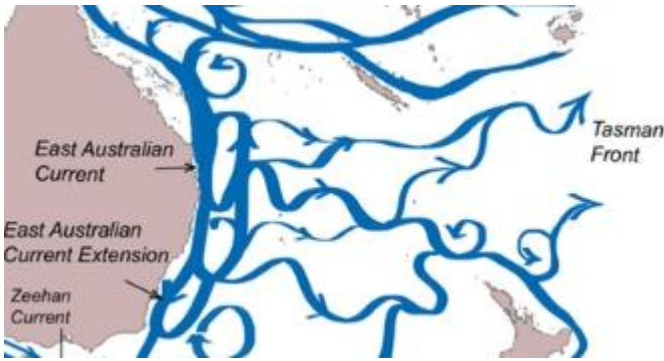
## Anyone for pumice?



Pumice is light-weight. It floats. This pumice came from the underwater volcano known as Havre Seamount, 1000km north of Auckland New Zealand, in July, 2012. It washed up at Bushland Beach North Queensland and other places. There is plenty still there. Anyone want more, just come to the beach, or I'll supply some.



3556km on a straight line from Havre Seamount to "My Place", but the pumice would have followed the complexity of currents that characterise the Coral Sea, and being buoyant, may also have been affected by wind.



There are a lot more seamounts. About 24,000 were estimated to exist, of which 16,000 have been charted, but 19,000 more have been discovered just recently. See the following link:

[The science is settled but we just found 19,000 new volcanoes](#)

Pumice is commonly used as an abrasive. It is (or has been) used in everything from dental products, to scouring powders, water filtration systems, concrete, grout, potting soil and more. It will remove dry skin, and, with care and some soap, can remove hair. It can be used for de-pilling clothes. If wetted first, it can be used to remove stains from basins and toilet bowls, ovens, dog and cat hair from carpets and upholstery, adding ground pumice to potting mix to make it fast-draining. Pumice can be used for “distressing” jeans. If you are up to grinding it to powder it can be used as an additive to superglue (Cyanoacrylate) repairs.

If you like essential oil, you can put about 35 drops of your favourite oil on a pumice stone. The porous nature of the pumice allows the oils to slowly diffuse into the air.

The green creeper is *ipomoea pes-caprae*, goat's foot convolvulus. It is the primary coloniser of the dune systems up here in the north-east, accompanied by spinifex dune grass, and followed by casuarina (she-oaks), all visible here.



Goat's foot convolvulus is widely used in traditional medicine. The plant is astringent, tonic, alterative, diuretic and purgative. So maybe not to be used as salad. Poultices made from the leaves are used to treat skin affections, ulcers, boils, swellings, stings and wounds.