



Herd on the Terrace

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PEARLY GATES

The carrier pigeons have just lobbed some pictures on our desk proving that Perth-based **Atlas Pearls** has enjoyed a visit from the world's richest nerd.

We have been reliably informed that **Microsoft** founder **Bill Gates** and his wife **Melinda** dropped into Atlas's farm in Irian Jaya while on a yachting holiday last month.

Farm manager **Remi Anfosso** said the squillionaire philanthropists spent more than an hour looking around and earning admirers for their casual, unassuming manner.

However, Atlas shareholders should not expect a massive sales boost, with Anfosso saying they only bought a few pearls as gifts for friends and relatives. "They mentioned they already have a few pearls," Anfosso said.



Holiday snap: Bill Gates with Remi Anfosso of Atlas Pearls.