Loving the locals

Report finds the joy of the journey is more about the people than the place

The hordes of grey nomads who have embraced the open road and completed the Big Lap already know it, but a major study of senior travellers has now confirmed it. Meeting locals is “overwhelmingly” the highlight of any domestic road trip.

The survey also found the “romantic idea” of an extended journey across our wonderful country “burns for many years”, within travellers who talk with great pride about Australia and its natural landscapes.

For the first time after many years of research, the over 55s are also showing an “active interest” in getting to know and understanding Aboriginal culture, the report stated.

The findings offer a comprehensive analysis of what Grey Nomads are looking for when contemplating a domestic travel adventure.

And it is mixing with local characters, listening to their stories over a beer or around a campfire that is the key driver, according to the report.

"Overwhelmingly, the number one thing about travelling….is the people you meet along the way,” it said. “Domestic travel for Australians delivers on the promise of meeting ‘locals’ who are unique to the region.

It truly is the highlight.”

It adds the best recommendations come from locals who can unearth “hidden gems” that “you wouldn’t know about had you not met them”. Helping to maximise the local experience is the attitude of older travellers themselves who are “open and friendly” and “happy to chat to anyone along the way to engage with the people they meet”.

Comments contained in the report will resonate with all grey nomads, as the report described the joys of travelling to Outback regions and encountering “rough as guts blokes with big soft hearts having a yarn at the bar”.

One respondent said: “Locals have pride in their communities and what they can offer you. Meeting interesting people who shares their lives and stories with you is what memories are made of.”

The authors of the report, marketing consultancy New Young Consulting, said conversations with senior travellers found they were meticulous planners and demonstrated immense pride in their country. There was a realisation that Australia “has it all” and that no other country “can beat us on our landscapes, natural beauty and flora and fauna. Our beaches are also unrivalled”.

The Outback was also revered and almost regarded by respondents to the survey as a “faraway country” and the “stuff dreams are made of”.

Unsurprisingly, those who take off and explore the country are also bitten by the bug, with many who arrive home often anxious to re-open their maps and plan a second adventure.

Connection a turnoff for most GNT readers

It may be nice to get mobile coverage in some remote campsites, but not half as nice as being able to get away from it all … and so say a majority of grey nomads.

A convincing 77% of respondents to our recent poll on the issue said they would not seek out a camping area because it offered connectivity.

““There is more to life than having a phone hanging off your ear or for that matter wanting to sit in front of the blasted TV,” said Trev T. “Enjoy the great outdoors and get a real life!”

Libby H agreed.

“Sometimes it is very nice to be off-grid!” she said.

And Mal M thought there were plenty of other ‘attractions’ in the bush.

“The phone comes a poor second or third,” he said.

Jerry M though, had a different outlook.

“I have to do a bit of work as I travel,” he said. “So being able to get phone coverage at remote campsites allows me to get to places I otherwise wouldn’t be able to get to and enjoy.”

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Jeannie is about to set off on a much anticipated trip ... to her own backyard

She is a modern day explorer, an intrepid globetrotter who has ventured to every corner of the planet. Such an insatiable appetite for travel has seen Jeannie Simpson strap on her backpack and take in the wonders of more than 70 countries, spanning all the continents. From the frozen landscape of the White Continent – Antarctica – to the cultural tapestry of Europe to the colourful diversity of Africa and Asia, Jeannie has seen much of what our planet has to offer. And, despite some challenging and “scary” experiences as she puts it, she has loved every minute.

Yet amid an impressive list of travels that would put Phileas Fogg to shame, one destination has remained relatively unexplored. But that is all about to change for the 71-year-old will then take a westward course, bound for the Queensland South East Coast, is preparing for her next big adventure. And, despite some challenging and “scary” experiences as she puts it, she has loved every minute.

Jeannie is off to discover her own back yard: Australia. The solo mission begins in June, when she will set off from the Gold Coast and head north to the spectacular Top End. Towing a 16ft carvan, the 71-year-old will then take a westward course, bound for Broome before idling down the Western Australia coast to Perth.

“I’ve extensively explored 70 odd countries around the planet backpacking, and proudly can say I have done the seven continents,” Jeannie told the Grey Nomad Times. “Now I can take time out exploring more of Oz.” And while the big trip is still two months away, Jeannie has already began exploring closer to home, spending a few days at Byron Bay Caravan Park. “A truly lovely spot,” she said. It’s been a long time since I’ve extensively explored 70 odd countries around the planet backpacking, and proudly can say I have done the seven continents,” Jeannie told the Grey Nomad Times. “Now I can take time out exploring more of Oz.” And while the big trip is still two months away, Jeannie has already began exploring closer to home, spending a few days at Byron Bay Caravan Park. “A truly lovely spot,” she said. “It’s been a long time since I have been down this way even though I was a Gold Coast girl through.”

Happy travels Jeannie!
Defibrillator initiative a boost for travellers

New plan will see van parks supplied with life saving equipment

An estimated 1,000 caravan parks across Australia are to be given funding to ensure the installation of potentially-lifesaving defibrillators. The Federal Government will invest $1 million in the initiative, which has been launched in partnership with the Caravan Industry Association of Australia.

The Association’s Chief Executive Officer, Stuart Laumont, says the scheme could make a huge difference to grey nomads.

“Caravan parks are popular holiday destinations – particularly with senior Australians who are at an increased risk of heart attack,” he said.

“We also know that in rural and regional areas it can take longer for an ambulance to arrive, given the distances they sometimes have to travel … this program will ensure a speedy roll-out of the program.

Funds are available in this financial year.

Minister for Health, Greg Hunt said the scheme would make travellers heading out on a camping trip to regional Australia much safer.

“The Caravan Industry Association of Australia will manage the implementation of the program in a 50/50 partnership, with caravan parks contributing half the costs of each defibrillator. They will work with caravan parks to ensure a speedy roll-out of the program.

Research shows that if a person is defibrillated within the first five minutes of collapse, their chance of survival is around 90%,” he said.

“Anything we can do to make sure that Australians going away caravanning return home safely to their loved ones is a great thing.”

Van park visitors will be a bit safer with the addition of defibrillators… this initiative will save and protect lives.”

The Government says the investment will also make grey nomads feel safer, knowing that medical help is not far away.

“We know that more are visiting our regions by increasing their attractiveness … with better medical amenities, it will help grow regional economies,” said Minister for Regional Services, Bridget McKenzie. “With 44 cents of every tourist dollar spent in regional areas and the industry providing 8% of employment in the regions, it makes smart economic sense, as well as medical.”

**Happy Easter!**

It's a time of year that millions of working families look forward to but, for grey nomads lucky enough to be able to travel whenever they like, the Easter holidays can be a ‘challenging’ time.

Whereas for much of the year older caravanners and motorhomers have caravan parks and camping areas pretty much to themselves, they can suddenly find themselves sharing space with holidaymakers with a different agenda and different priorities.

Easter – along with Christmas – is traditionally the most popular periods for camping and this year will be no different.

In Western Australia, almost all of the 1100 state-managed bookable sites were snapped up well in advance of the holidays starting. These included the popular Lane Poole Reserve in Dwellingup, as well as Lucky Bay, Conlo, Potters Gorge and Honeymoon Pool.

It’s a time when all campers are asked to be particularly patient and to show extra consideration towards their fellow campers. And, of course, anyone who is travelling over the holiday period is asked to take extra care on what will be a very busy time on the roads.

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**Do you feel reassured when there is a defibrillator nearby?**

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GNT story on a terrifying bridge caravan rollover sparked a strong response

We had a similar experience, on a straight road and no real wind, van travels very well at 90-100km/h. The van, for no reason I could detect, started to get a wiggle on ... I took my foot off the accelerator and only eased the brake on ever so light. It was only seconds but seemed a minute as it self corrected. I have ESC and a red arc controller that you simply have to press to activate on the dash … but I was too overcome to think to press it!

Mark M

My wife and I did a course the day after we picked up the van. Neither of us had towed before and the course gave us both confidence and basic skills on how to prepare our rig for towing, the laws of the road, and basic safety aspects. Are we experienced towers? No, but we learn every day. We both take turns at driving to ease fatigue and to keep our skills as sharp as possible.

Dave M

Sounds like a typical Catch-22 situation to me. Slowing down across the bridge to say 75-80km/h may have saved a lot of grief, especially as it was a designated high wind area. Catch-22 … my experience has been that when you do, you are often ridiculed for driving too slow or ‘acting like a grey nomad’. My advice, hold your nerve. Drive slow if you think it will help and just accept the comments that come.

John P

A lot of people, even those with a lot of driving experience, can and do get caught out with wind causing swaying of a towed trailer. The force of a sudden side-on gust of wind is tremendous … that is why trees get uprooted and roofs get ripped off in storms. All travellers please take heed … slow down in windy areas, please!

Greg A

Towing courses open a can of worms. Does that mean everyone towing a trailer will need to do a towing course? What happens to the likes of horse trailers, boat trailers, persons towing motor cycles, tradesman’s trailers, the weekend hire trailers? Being in the emergency services for 32 years, it seems more of these flip and have accidents than caravans do. What happens to a person that does a towing course at age 18? Will the course be still current when the driver is 88? To make it work every state would need to have a ‘towing law’. We can’t even get our road rules to be the same in every state!

Ian E

There should be a separate licence class for ‘heavy towing’. Anything needing brakes (>750kg) should be a separate licence. I have seen far too many people who literally have no idea what they are doing, jump straight from a compact car which is the largest thing they have driven in the last quarter century since they sold the Kingswood, straight into a fully kitted out LandCruiser hauling a 25’ van behind it all, up close to five tonnes. You might be the best car driver in the world, but that doesn’t mean you know the first thing about towing a large van that weighs 3 or 4 times anything you have driven before.

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Re: Elderly parents (Jaclyn & Heidi: GNT 195). My wife and I were in exactly the same situation except my health was good and my wife had an auto immune condition that floored her for a year. My wife sat down with her mother and discussed us leaving. It was an amicable decision. My mother-in-law is 94 and lives on her own. We set up all services, talked with her neighbours and any place she would visit like the doctor, chemist, shops, taxis etc and gave them our number to contact if she didn’t turn up as usual. If she does get ill and needs help, my wife will fly home and if she needs me I’ll drive or fly also. You never know what your life holds for you. It had been our dream to travel for over 40 years and if we didn’t do it together we both would have had deep regrets.

Mark M

I was in a similar situation, an only child with a mum aged 87. I sat down and talked it over with her and ended up having 18 months travelling around this amazing country. I had her blessing and advice that I had my life to live and couldn’t just hang around. She’s now 97, so I made the correct choice, especially as if I went now I wouldn’t be able to do a lot of the stuff I did 10 years ago.

Wendy S

Re: Time Travellers (GNT: 195). Sounds horrendous! It’s like something dreamt up by an over-excited advertising executive who sees only ‘product’ and ‘profit’, and fails to value the product (the natural world), by changing what it was that made it attractive as a ‘product’ in the first place.

Cuppa

If and when drone technology has advanced to the point of being able to deliver 1kg of King Prawns accompanied by a cold bottle of Chardonnay and a bottle of Shiraz then we’d be in camping heaven.

Bundy G

Re: Dog drama. I recently stayed at the Bulahdelah Lions Free Camp. Staying near us was a couple with their little sausage dog. This animal just barked and barked. It was standing at its owner’s feet whilst he was having a conversation with another camper. No one did anything about this barking animal. I yelled at the owner and asked him to shut his dog up. Rather than do this he stormed over and demanded to know if I had problem with his dog. If you own a dog be aware of what it’s doing and consider others rather than pushing out your chest and threatening to punch people out.

Alan G

Re: Deposit return (GNT: 195). We were one of the unfortunate couples who had paid a deposit on a new Vacationer caravan at Brisbane RVs earlier this year, not 10 days before the receivers moved in. We were very fortunate that Vacationer Caravans also came to the party and took the hit on the $8,000 we paid in deposit, by deducting the amount on a 2019 new build. We cannot thank Vacationer enough for the generosity shown us. It’s great to see that there are still some caring people out there.

Kevin B

Re: Tasmania camping (GNT: 195). It might help if the return ferry crossing to Tasmania for car and caravans cost less. For some nomads, a month to six weeks tripping is usually enough over there, but the cost outweighs the possibility of going at all … usually $2,000 or more!

Stan G

Re: Heated Campchair (Gadgets: 195). The noisy old buggers will never go to bed now with heated chairs. It was the cold that would drive them inside and give the rest of us some quiet time. Now we are going to have to put up with drunken stories all night. Some inventions certainly DON’T make life easier, do they?

Graeme P
Old power sources gone with the wind?

While the idea of harnessing the power of the wind to produce electricity for your campsite needs is not entirely new, the way in which the highly compact Giga does the job is certain to create a few more converts to the concept. It’s basically a small wind turbine that – depending on the strength of the breeze – is capable of kicking out up to 5 watts. That power is delivered to devices via an included USB charging cable.

The British-designed device is enclosed within a protective UV-resistant thermoplastic body that can be wedged between rocks, propped up in trees, or staked to the ground in order to capture the wind. It comes with 4mm marine-grade rope and three fixing pegs so it can be firmly secured in the most suitable location.

It measures 325mm across and weighs just 1 kilogram, so is easily transportable. Once the Giga is set up at your campsite, its blades spin in the wind throughout the day or night.

Obviously, the big advantage of the solar panel is that it doesn’t require any sunlight to start generating. The device is fully waterproof so can keep doing its thing in the rain.

The portable Giga can be secured in the optimum spot to capture the power of the wind.

Pic: Giga

Do you like the idea of adding a portable wind turbine to your campsite power arsenal?
Terrific Theodore

The tiny Queensland town of Theodore nestled on the Dawson River is one of those places that help 'make' a Big Lap … it's unmistakably country, it's quirky, and it's completely and utterly unique.

Sitting about 220 kilometres west of Bundaberg, visitors here are immediately struck by the sheer luxuriance of the town. Theodore's wide palm-lined streets are a throwback to its origins and a reminder of the grand plans of its architects to create a model 'garden city'.

This was to be the urban centre of the Dawson Valley/Nathan Gorge irrigation scheme, which would see the creation of 5,000 irrigated farms generating produce for the world. At the time, the modern town was promoted as offering 'a solution to the problem of the cityward drift of the younger rural generation'. While a public hall with cinema and an electricity generation plant were built and the railway arrived in 1926, the proposed Nathan Dam – the centrepiece of the Nathan Gorge scheme – has yet to be built.

Nonetheless, the settlement which began life as Castle Creek and was later renamed after controversial Queensland Premier E. G. 'Red Ted' Theodore, has prospered in recent times. This is largely due to the area's fertile black soils and the irrigation work that was carried out, and its proximity to coal mining in the Bowen Basin.

The community welcomes grey nomads and offers short stay camping at Junction Park by the Dawson River where there are hot showers on offer for a donation. The Theodore Showground also offers reasonably priced powered sites, and there is a dump point in town.

A 50-feet high water tower sits at the centre of this attractive town, and the Neville Hewitt Park and Rotary Park overlooking Castle Creek are great places to relax and soak up the country atmosphere.

There are a number of interesting buildings. One of the few remnants of the town's original name can be seen on the main street where the Castle Creek Theatre is a dominant feature. Also of interest is the Catholic Church which is a great example of Queensland vernacular wooden architecture. But it is the Theodore Co-operative Hotel Motel which really captures most attention. The pub is owned by local residents and all profits are used to fund community activities and projects.

Also well worth a look are the historical artefacts housed at the Dawson Folk Museum, and the Theodore War Memorial which commemorates Australians who have served in all wars and conflicts.

Just 30 kilometres south of town along the Leichhardt Highway is the stunning Isla Gorge National Park with its dramatic cliffs, sandstone gorges and Aboriginal hand paintings.

It's the sort of community and area that most grey nomads dream of discovering when they pull out of their driveways for the very first time.

Beautiful Isla Gorge in the region is worth a visit

Do You Know

1. I am travelling between Darwin and Kununurra in Australia's Top End. Which highway am I on?
2. The Victorian town of Bendigo was named:
   a) After the black labrador, Bendigo, the steadfastly loyal companion of the first mate on board HMS Endeavour in 1873.
   b) By the local council who named the town after a well known bend in a local river which attracted many visitors for its tranquil and picturesque waters.
   c) After world-famous English boxer, Abednego William Thompson who had been nicknamed Bendigo. A nearby creek had been named Bendigo with the town taking the name in 1891.
3. Any one in a storm has a man's name in this North Queensland town.
5. What is the shortest distance between Orange in rural New South Wales and the city of Newcastle?
   a) 300km  b) 378km  c)445km

Answers on p. 8
**TV dramas**

Dear Jaclyn and Heidi,

My partner Geoffrey and I have been on the road for four months and were having a wonderful time. We loved the tranquility and the simple pleasures of listening to wildlife, bubbling streams and crashing waves as we read our books or chatted around the campfire with other campers. But that all changed a month ago. Geoffrey, against my wishes, bought a satellite dish and now gawps at the TV at every opportunity. He said he missed his news and sport and promised to only watch occasionally, but he watches every night. He seems to have forgotten the reasons we hit the road to miss their creature comforts, and if you follow sport in particular, not knowing the results, or missing a big match can also be frustrating. A change is as good as a rest as they say, so maybe he wanted to “reconnect” for a while.

Talk to him and explain how it’s impacting your enjoyment. Maybe try to reach a compromise. Suggest to Geoffrey he watch TV three evenings a week, and the rest of the week he returns to the chats and book reading around the campfire, which sounds so lovely. I’m confident he’ll soon realise what he’s been missing, and he’ll again cherish the peace and tranquillity.

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Rip the satellite dish off the roof and throw it away Brenda. What else can you do if he won’t listen? Frankly, Geoffrey is being infuriatingly selfish, not to mention remarkably short sighted. Watching the TV while the world and its nocturnal wonders does its thing under his nose? It’s beyond crazy. Assuming you won’t do anything quite so drastic as throw the dish away, how about reading him the riot act, calling his bluff and saying you’re going home unless he drops the small screen obsession? Alternatively, just do your own thing Brenda. Wherever possible, make friends with fellow grey nomads who share your philosophy and hang out with them, leaving sad old Geoffrey to his own devices. Hopefully that will shake him out of his dull news and sport habit.

I’m so sorry to hear of your predicament Brenda. You’re certainly not being silly at all. It must be frustrating to hear the TV in the background. But it’s natural for people on the road to miss their creature comforts, and if you follow sport in particular, not knowing the results, or missing a big match can also be frustrating. A change is as good as a rest as they say, so maybe he wanted to “reconnect” for a while.

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Brenda

Jaclyn

Heidi

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**‘The grey nomads are bypassing us’**

Not for the first time, locals in the South Australian community of Victor Harbor are expressing alarm that the lack of a designated cheap or free RV park means it is missing out on a golden opportunity. Local councillor Bryan Littleley is the latest voice to claim that grey nomads and other travellers are bypassing the town, known as the ‘Gateway to Kangaroo Island’, in favour of locations where they can park up and stay for free.

He says the money visitors save on accommodation allows them to spend on entertainment, food and fuel. “The self-contained, free camping, sector is booming,” Cr Littleley said. “Right now, waves of caravan and RV owners are heading up the track north to Darwin, along the Great Ocean Road, across the Nullarbor and up the west coast each day for extended trips.”

He said he would be pushing strongly for the establishment of RV park facilities in a prominent location in a bid to keep pace, and overshadow, other coastal towns already capturing the important tourist dollar. “The majority are looking for the cheapest camping options they can find because they are self-contained and they would sooner spend on food and entertainment in the places they visit,” he said. “Making a space for these tourists, showcasing our town and getting them talking about Victor Harbor makes great sense.”

Caravan Industry Association of Australia figures released last year showed a record 647,319 recreational vehicles were registered in the year to January 2017. “I know I’m not alone on the council in identifying this important opportunity we should be capitalising on,” Cr Littleley said. “Now it’s time to act and establish a RV park so we can take our share of this tourism dollar.”

• Does a lack of free or cut-price camping keep you away from Victor Harbor?

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**Quiz Corner Solved**

1. National Highway 1
2. c) After world-famous English boxer, Abednego William Thompson who had been nicknamed Bendigo. A nearby creek had been named Bendigo with the town taking the name in 1891.
3. Port Douglas
4. Daylesford
5. b) 378km
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MICHAEL V

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Female Lifestyle Position - Augathieall Cattle Property. A highly intelligent mature female to be a friend to an eccentric 72yr old man who lives on a cattle property & needs help & support & help with writing his story. Essential to have writing, computer & conversational skills & ability to cope with situations that may arise. The position is available as the successful applicant will have time to enjoy the bush & help out on the cattle property as they wish. The job would start the first week of June 2019. Please advise if date does not suit. Separate living quarters are supplied. Remuneration is $200 wk in hand plus board & keep. Willing to negotiate travel arrangements, will be travelling overseas during this period. References are required. Click here.

MACKAY AND BURDEKIN, QLD

CRUSHING SEASON – MACKAY AND BURDEKIN. Zarb Road Transport and NDL Transport are family owned and operated. We are in the middle of the 2019 cane crushing season. If the idea of working 5-6 days of the year, earning great money whilst having fun excites you, this is for you. We are looking for motivated and driven HC and MC Truck Drivers and Depot Hands (Tractor drivers) in various locations in Mackay and Burdekin regions. We have built strong ties with the sugar industry and we provide our customers with bulk carriage of sugar and binders. If you are motivated person with a great family values which creates a family friendly culture. We are looking for someone to join our team starting 1st May 2019. Click here.

HUNGERFORD QLD REGION IN NSW

We are looking for 3 months caretaker of a station approximately 30 minutes south of Chinchilla, Queensland. We have a well kept 3 bedroom home. General maintenance required, a little gardening and house maintenance. Some writing, computer & conversational skills & ability to cope with situations that may arise. The position is available with the sugar industry and we provide our customers with bulk cartage of sugar and binders. If you are motivated person with a great family values which creates a family friendly culture. We are looking for someone to join our team starting 1st May 2019. Click here.

ATHERTON TABLELANDS, QLD

Country property sitter required approx 3 months July – September 2019. Located 10 minutes drive from Palmgrove. We would require hay feeding out to our few horses and also basic farm yard maintenance done. Click here.

LOCKER VALLEY, QLD

House Sitter wanted 25/5 to 30/6 on 20 acres in the Lockyer Valley. House is 3 bed 1 bath with large open deck and pool. We would like someone to keep the place tidy and watered. Click here.

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