How the rest was won

When will we get more rest areas to make travelling safer for all?

The chronic shortage of adequate rest areas for long-distance travellers in Australia is a constant source of irritation and anger for grey nomads and truckies.

With fatigue suspected of being a factor in at least some of the many caravan and motorhome accidents that have ruined trips and changed lives in recent times, the spotlight being shone on this issue has been intensified.

At the recent Australasian Road Safety Conference in Canberra, Sarah Jones from the Toll Transport group painted a vivid portrait of a scene which has confronted many a professional driver, as well as road-weary grey nomad. “Picture this,” she said. “You are driving your heavy vehicle, you’re coming up for a required rest break. There are kilometres and kilometres of glaring asphalt coming up in front of you, no safe place to pull up, no toilet facilities and running water, no shade … what are your chances of having restorative rest in that environment?”

And the consequences can be deadly. According to NSW Centre for Road Safety data, around 20% of fatal road accidents involve driver fatigue. Ms Jones told the conference that, back in 2012, there was an estimated deficit of 22,000

driver rest areas in this country. While there is a long road ahead, progress is being made. In Queensland a rest area audit completed earlier this year identified 2,931 rest areas and stopping places across the state, and two on the Capricorn Highway and one each on the Leichhardt Highway and Peak Downs Highway will receive multi-million dollar upgrades. Many sites on the Bruce Highway have also been earmarked for improvement.

In New South Wales, the Government has allocated $5 million to upgrade rest areas across the state … and it’s a similar story in all the other states and territories as authorities seek the funds to make a difference. However, the provision of more and better equipped rest areas is not the only issue in play. There has been growing concern that some travellers are treating rest areas as glorified free camping areas. In New South Wales, the Roads and Maritime Services even erected ‘no camping’ signs at rest areas along the Pacific Highway … a move that caused angst in grey nomad circles. “If I’m lucky enough to find a rest area when tiredness strikes I’m not leaving until I feel rested enough to drive on again,” said Oliver G. “I don’t care what the signs say, I am not putting myself or other road users at risk.”

The other big issue is using areas that have been designated for use by trucks. Road safety campaigner Rod Hannifey says grey nomads need to understand the truckie’s lifestyle. “If you pull into a truck bay in the early evening and spread out because there is only a couple of vans there, we will pull in much later at night to sleep and we need room to get the larger vehicles safely off the road,” he said. “If we are forced to go on because we could not get safely in to park, you are responsible for taking that space away from us.”

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GNT readers keen to take on the tracks

Asked whether they would take their beloved caravans down a long and corrugated dirt track, the majority of grey nomads had a simple answer: ‘Bring it on!’

In our recent poll, 68.2% of respondents said they would happily take on the iconic Birdsville Track. “After crossing the Gibb River Road, going to Kalumburu, Cape Leveque, and Cape York, I don’t think much would stop our 21’ JB Scorpion off-road van,” said Max S.

Sharon P is another with no fear. “The Goldstream off-road Rhino is built for rugged off-roading,” she said. “That said, we wouldn’t take it on the Telegraph Track.”

And Sylvie M reckons doing the Gibb River Road in a Millard 16’ in 2003 has made her ready for anything. “At the beginning of the road, the sign didn’t recommend taking a caravan through and we didn’t see another van over the four days we took,” she said. “But we made it.”

John J though was more cautious. “Mine is definitely a European sealed-roads-only van,” he said.

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A month ago, Norm H was a GNT ‘Character of the Road’ and kicked off a debate about part-time nomadding (see Letters P 7)

Having sold up and having dipped their big toes into the full-time Big Lap, Norm and wife Jenny admitted they found not having a home base to return to a little ‘disconcerting’. Just seven months into what was to be an endless journey, the couple decided to begin looking for place to call home in between caravanning adventures.

It seems that Norm and Jenny’s experience was far from unique. There are many other grey nomads travelling and looking for that perfect place to call ‘home’ ... at least for a few months of the year. In Norm and Jenny’s case, the Victorian country town of Ballarat was the perfect location.

“Jenny and I were born in country Victoria and we lived most of our married life in various parts of the state before moving to Melbourne for the last 22 years of our working lives,” said Norm. “We always wanted to return to somewhere in country Vic –it held absolutely no appeal to us.”

Here’s why Norm says Ballarat ticked the essential boxes for them:

- Out of Melbourne in a pleasant country setting (away from the increasingly busy, congested, noisy, polluted, impersonal, ugly, ever-expanding and stressful city environment, and, I might add, away from a particularly nasty neighbour!).
- Affordable housing (with all the attributes that we wanted, including a garden that could be left relatively unattended for months) and reasonable ongoing living costs (as most grey nomads will have noted, day-to-day expenses can be costly in some smaller country towns).
- Excellent health and care facilities, as well as a full range of retail, service, recreation and entertainment amenities that are all within easy reach (older age considerations).
- Easy access to main roads leading to the rest of Oz (for easy and quick starts to caravan trips without having to travel through city traffic).

Plus some important bonuses:
- Family members were already living in Ballarat (two siblings and their families).
- Central location to our immediate family members who at that time lived in Warrnambool, Melton, Hoppers Crossing, Kalorama, and Knoxfield.
- Community life of a country town.

Since buying their new home, Norm and Jenny have upgraded to a van with an en-suite and recliner chairs, and travel most winters for 2-3 months exploring all parts of Australia. And so, do they regret their decision to buy in Ballarat nine years ago?

“Not for a moment,” says a smiling Norm.

**Nomads in Brief**

**New park**
The Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary just north of suburban Adelaide has been proclaimed Australia’s newest national park. The sanctuary, which attracts thousands of migratory birds from the northern hemisphere, covers 2,457 hectares of shorebird habitat.

**Croc survey**
A survey conducted as part of the Queensland’s crocodile management review showed 72% of people in the state support the removal of hostile crocs from urban areas. However, just 15% support their widespread removal, and nearly a third of those surveyed wanted fewer crocodiles removed.

**Hot stuff**
Grey nomads in some parts of Queensland’s central west have been struggling to keep their cool. In Uranbirdang, the mercury recently hit 43.8C, the town’s hottest October day.

**Wind farm**
The first large-scale wind farm to be built in Queensland, the 180MW Mount Emerald project near Mareeba, will begin construction next month. Queensland currently has just 12MW of wind energy (out of a national total of 3,500MW), located at small wind farms in Ravenshoe and Thursday Island.

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Dear Editor,

Re: travel challenges (Character: GNT 133). Sandra, I admire you’re spirit and determination to continue on no matter what. I was also diagnosed with cancer (prostate) just three days before my planned caravanning adventure, on my own, around Australia. I was informed that I might have six months to live if the cancer had spread to my bone marrow. My answer to the urologist was that, if that was the case, I would not cancel my trip but instead go around Australia in six months! Tests showed that the cancer had not spread so it is now under control with hormone medication. Three years have passed since then and I’ve completed my ‘round Australia’ adventure taking a leisurely two years to do so. I’ve just turned 78 and living in my van this lifestyle I feel sure, to solo women hoping to travel this amazing country. Thank you for your courage and for sharing your story. I wish you joy.

Jeanette L

Dear Editor,

Sandra, you are a legend! Most people whinge about everything. But not you. Talk about the great Aussie spirit! After a career of looking after other people, you go and have fun.

Swinks

Dear Editor,

Wow! Loved this story – how courageous and out there – well done.

Annette T

Dear Editor,

You are one amazing lady Sandra. Hats off to you for your persistence, confidence and bravery. I hope you have many more years of travel. From a soon-to-be grey nomad lady.

Sharon

Dear Editor,

What a brave and inspiring woman. Hope life goes smoothly from now on!

Bill M

Dear Editor,

What a gem you are, Sandra! And such an inspiration, I’m sure, to solo women hoping to travel this amazing country. Thank you for your courage and for sharing your story. I wish you joy.

Jane T

Dear Editor,

Re: Gadget (GNT: 133). What a great idea the Zero Breeze air-conditioner is. It’s definitely on my wish list for next year. If this technology is available now, why is it not available for caravan air-conditioners? How great would it be if you could buy a 12 volt caravan air-conditioner? We do a lot of free camping and use solar panels to keep our battery charged, so a 240 volt air-conditioner is useless away from a caravan park. Whilst we wait for someone to develop a 12-volt air-conditioner for caravans, Zero Breeze will be benefitting from my dollars.

Glynn B

Dear Editor,

Well, I for one will get one if it does what they say. Let’s have a real world test so that we can judge for ourselves. If it is as good as is said then I would suggest that there is a huge market for this product. Meaning that production must be ramped up.

Dodd

Dear Editor,

Tad expensive, but definitely a market for this bit of gear. We run a park up in the Gulf country and there are a huge amount of camper trailers around these days who just wish they could cool off on our very warm nights. As the days get longer the heat becomes a bit hard to take during the night under canvas.

Steve & Di W

Dear Editor, Portable air conditioner looks good. Just my luck, we bought a 12 volt fan which cost over $100 while travelling in the NT outback … 40 degrees in our van isn’t a lot of fun. In caravan parks our 240 volt AC is a Godsend but for free camping, the Zero Breeze looks good. Is anyone interested in buying a second-hand slightly used fan? LOL

Mal & Nancy M

Dear Editor,
The Zero Breeze sounds like a decent gadget. I could simply not afford a regular air conditioner and, furthermore, would not have much use for it as I plan to free camp when I set out on my travels in my campervan next year. I had decided to simply install a hatch, which, together with a portable tent fan/light, would give me sufficient cooling on warmer days. So, with the Zero Breeze, I could perhaps extend my travels into the warmer months. I look forward to trying it.
Dear Editor,

Re: caravan parks. We always use caravan parks when we are travelling because of ongoing health problems and it is easier in a caravan park if a doctor or ambulance is required. We would rather pay for peace of mind than have a doctor or ambulance not being able to find us in a free camp area. Many other van-nerers we have spoken to have agreed with us and most, like us, are on a pension. I would not stop caravanning just because of illness but common-sense and logic must prevail if we are going to enjoy our life. We work out our expenses for our home (ie gas, power, water, insurances etc) and then work out how much per day we have when travelling and having just spent two and a half months in Queensland we arrived home with money still in our account.

Neil P

Dear Editor,

Re: selling up. We have sold up and are now living in our van full time. Should have done it years ago. Anyone thinking of doing this, think long and hard because once you have made the choice, you won’t be sitting around doing nothing for long. There are so many beautiful towns, rivers and free camp spots that it will take you the rest of your life to see one third of it. May you always have the wind at your back and sunshine with you wherever you go!

Gail & Geoff W

Dear Editor,

Re: animal swerve (GNT: 133). I was saddened to read in the GNT about the death in outback Queensland of a 21-year-old woman passenger when the 22-year-old female driver of the car swerved to avoid an animal and ploughed into a tree. When will people learn they should not swerve to miss an animal? It never turns out well. The animal walks away unharmed but either the driver or one or more of their passengers ends up dead or seriously injured. Brake hard yes, but never, ever swerve.

Graham J

Dear Editor,

Re: park costs. We were aghast when we received a promotional email from Big 4 Lake Conjola on the NSW South Coast. They are advertising camping/caravan sites from $70 per night! A maximum of six can stay on the site and they do say that power and water are provided but are there many of us, especially grey nomads, who could afford such steep prices? No doubt they will have some excuse why they have to charge so much eg. school holidays, facilities etc but, seriously, these inflated rates are the reason we choose to stay in showgrounds where prices are very reasonable and facilities clean and adequate. Or we free camp. We were surprised when a Canberra park wanted just on $50 a night. We ended up staying at Exhibition Park in Canberra which is very reasonably priced with good facilities. We recently had a holiday in Queensland where we stayed in either showgrounds or free camped. Had a great time.

Ross B

Dear Editor,

Love in the van (Survey: GNT 133). Interesting and great that older couples want to be together. But how does that reconcile with the numerous caravans and motorhomes being sold with single beds?

Tassie

Dear Editor,

I’m still in love … 46 years and going strong!

Norman

Dear Editor,

Re: Avoiding Tassie and towns (Jaclyn & Heidi: GNT 133) Ethics and travel - a difficult combo. I met a couple who would never go into a national park because of fees - they really did miss out. But to avoid various towns, do you really miss much? As for Tassie, it is so hard to get on to the ferries with a caravan or motorhome, one could assume that Tassie does not want you.

Alan P

Dear Editor,

We are from Tassie but have still gone north for the winter for eight years. Our costs would be the same as yours. Tassie will continue to exist without you visiting us and not notice you aren’t here, as will the towns you are avoiding. The only person missing out is you. Smell the roses while you may our lives can alter from one day to the next.

Faye J

Dear Editor,

We are going to Tassie in January next year (2017). Total cost return for two adults and a Discovery 4 is $436. Choose your dates and times (ie weekend day crossings) and things are cheap.

David I

Dear Editor,

Re: food on road. I had a DreamPot when they first came out, then bought a new one a few months ago. It’s so great to pull up at the end of the day and have hot corned beef/casserole etc all ready to go.

Keith M

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Seeking pastures new

**GNT readers share their stories of how they found the perfect spot to settle**

We went on holidays on Bribie Island in Queensland and loved so much the place that we bought a small cottage to use as our downsized home base once we retire (within the next two years). We live in New South Wales and were lucky that a lovely lady was renting the place and happy to stay until we are ready to do the big move. Selling the big (empty) home is the best solution for us to fund our retirement and enjoy touring our beautiful country in our caravan.

**Mez & Chris**

We have relocated from Wollongong, NSW to Coolooola Cove, near Tin Can Bay in Queensland. This is our seventh week here and it is the best move we have made. Plenty of room for the van and boats and the weather is great.

**Ray D**

Yep, sold up in Brisbane and downsized to the Sunshine Coast ... and loving it!

**Graeme & Jutta**

We retired from Brisbane to a wonderful little town in the Southern Riverina of NSW six years ago. We not only downsized the house but also our outgoings, all of which meant we became debt free and had more disposable dollars to save for fuel for our trips away, totalling 121,000kms to date. The townsfolk are absolutely wonderful, we have been made to feel very welcome when we are home to join in local activities, making some new friends old and young along the way. Medical assistance is far more readily available under Rural Health Schemes than some of our friends in big cities experience and certainly more personal.

**Yvonne P**

I cannot agree that Ballarat and Bendigo are regional cities. They are very close to and therefore outer suburbs of Melbourne! We live in a Victorian border town which is only a half hour drive from three ‘proper’ regional towns/cities and 40 minutes from Yarrawonga. The Murray River is on our doorstep to explore, but not close enough to be threatened by floods. It is a great jumping off point to travel north, west and east and is a tourist town. Downsizing to a rural centre that is within a half hour drive of a major centre is ideal. Some of the other places mentioned in the article (GNT 133) are major centres. Less is more.

**Robyn & Phillip D**

Well, we have been traveling for some seven years, but bought a house, a Queenslander, in Collinsville, which is one hour west of Bowen in North Queensland. We have decided to use the house as a base for travelling when and where we want, and use housesitters when we travel. But, for a while, we’re happy ‘settled’ – I have joined the local Art Society, do Tai Chi, walk the dogs along the beach, and my partner goes fishing with guys he’s met up with, and we’ve bought a boat for fishing and going out to the islands. We still have plans to travel, especially some of the rougher roads as we now have an off-road camper trailer and will make good use of that. Life is good!

**Dee B**

We have relocated to Bribie Island. Still hope to do lots of travelling.

**Shane & Robyn B**

Hervey Bay tops my list. We’ve been settled here for five years now and it has been perfect for all of our requirements, with adequate doctors and hospital coverage and with new shops and shopping centres which covers all of our needs, and the weather is magnificent. As a base to cover our wanderlust we find that being half way up the Australian continent, our journeys are so much easier and stress free being clear of all capital cities. Housing costs are ideal for downsizers, and there is no shortage of suitable accommodation. There are many clubs and much activity and the fishing is year round. So Hervey Bay has ticked all of our boxes.

**Geoff S**

I found my personal paradise in Forrest Beach, 17 kilometres out of Ingham. A nice house can be bought here starting at $185,000. There is a beautiful beach 12 kilometres long. A population sufficient to support a surgery, pharmacy, hotel and grocers.

**Len P**

In 2003, we sold our home in Sydney, Pittwater, and did our ‘round Oz’ trip for 18 months. We loved every minute. Having put our furniture into storage, there wasn’t the pull to head back home early. We were limited where to reset due to an elderly parent in Sydney, but finally moved to Urunga, near Coffs Harbour, a wonderful village surrounded by fabulous riverways and surf. The big asset is (apart from getting away from Sydney’s hustle and bustle) is that the value of the city house allows one to buy in the country and have heaps $’s over for a comfortable retirement. Mostly properties are way bigger also, which means the caravan has plenty of room to stay on the premises without the cost of storing it in between trips. We’ve been here nearly five years now and loving the life.

**Grahame & Sylvia M**

We have for some years been thinking of downsizing to a rural scene. We have been out on the road and checked out a few places and found the lovely town of Bingara, NSW. As I am a short way from retirement we feel investing now and renting the property will go a long way to having that extra cash when we retire. The criteria for choosing a place was a list of essentials we need, like medical facilities was the priority. There are a lot of beautiful country towns across Australia with great facilities.
Solar generator’s power to the bush

The quest for the ultimate bush power source will probably never end, with new ‘breakthrough’ gadgets and gizmos popping up every other week.

At the centre of most innovator’s dream solutions is solar. And so it is with the Power Pro from portable battery company, Jackery.

The 578-watt hours battery power bank can be charged by mains power or by the power of the sun and it then acts as a pseudo ‘solar generator’

Could it be time to say goodbye to that ‘just-in-case’ petrol generator that has made you a few enemies over the years at various ‘quiet’ campsites? Well, you be the judge.

Jackery claims that each charge of the Power Pro can power a mini fridge for 10 hours, or a television for four hours or so.

Users can also expect to get between four and seven laptop recharges or dozens of smartphone charges from each Power Pro charge.

The designers say the Power Pro combines a big battery and AC/DC inverter into a single splash-proof portable package that includes surge and short circuit protection, as well as temperature control and an LCD display that helps users monitor discharge level and other statuses.

The components are not unique, but the compact way they have been brought together is.

Sadly for Australia’s grey nomads, the Power Pro is still in the planning stage and is also currently targeted at the North American market and thus has 110-volt power outlets. Early success could see the device making its debut on this side of the world before too long, though.

The first Power Pro could be shipping to American customers in February next year and is expected to retail at $1,398, including the compatible solar panel.

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All grey nomad Slim Dusty fans will be familiar with the ‘Cunnamulla Fella’, a legend of the song he co-wrote with Stan Coster and performed across the country.

For visitors to the town of Cunnamulla about 800 kilometres west of Brisbane, the large bronze sculpture of the ‘Cunnamulla Fella’ outside the civic centre is normally the first port of call. The statue basically honours the many characters that have camped, worked and passed through this part of the country.

As the largest of the four towns in the Paroo Shire – the others being Eulo, Wyandra and Yowah – Cunnamulla boasts a full range of services, shops, cafes and medical facilities. Its history, beauty and location at the crossroads of the adventure Way and the Matilda Highway has made it a nomad favourite. There are several good caravan parks around, as well as camping areas on nearby stations. With a population of around 1500, Cunnamulla – which means long stretch of water – sits on the banks of the Warrego River. While it is scenic and offers superb fishing, the river does occasionally break its banks and the town has flooded several times.

There are some gorgeous parks and gardens to enjoy, and flowers are everywhere.

The Cunnamulla Fella Centre houses the visitor centre, museum, art gallery, and the Artesian Time Tunnel which takes visitors on a trip back 100 million years in time. The area has a rich indigenous history and Aboriginal art and artefacts are on display at several locations. While the rich plains and river flats made the area ideal for sheep and cattle grazing, the town itself didn’t come into being until the late 19th century when it became a coach stop for Cobb and Co. Legend has it the first building in town was a shanty pub and the museum captures the atmosphere of this time.

One of the best ways to discover the unique character of this town is to take the Cunnamulla Heritage Trail. Historic buildings include the saddlery, old post office, the railway station and the Warrego Watchman newspaper building. Another ‘attraction’ not to miss is the Robber’s Tree, where bank robber Joseph Wells was captured in 1880, and went on to become the last man in Queensland to be hung for the crime.

The Cunnamulla Fella Festival in November, complete with bull riding, rodeo, markets, poetry, and live music. The chances are someone will belt out a very famous song whose first verse goes like this: “I live on damper and wallaby stew I’ve got a big cattle dog with a staghound cross Now I’m a scrubber, runner and a breaker too.’

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2. I am travelling direct between the Queensland towns of Cloncurry and Kynuna. Which highway am I on?
3. Shortest road distance between WA towns of Eucla and Esperance? a) 823kms b) 914kms c) 986kms
4. Travelling by road, is Adelaide closer to Coober Pedy or Geelong?
5. What fruit can you find at the junction of Queensland’s Dawson Highway and the Leichhardt Highway?

(Answers on p. 8)
Dear Jaclyn and Heidi,

I always thought I was fairly tough sort of character but the Big Lap is turning me into a right softie! I had a pretty challenging sort of corporate job, but since retirement and hitting the open road I find myself turning into an emotional wreck at the drop of a hat. It makes me feel incredibly sad when I see fellow grey nomads bickering over reversing their caravan, I feel terribly sorry for people working in van parks or shops who aren't seem happy, and it breaks my heart when I see people by the side of the road with a flat tyre. Last week, I even burst into tears at the sight of a dead kangaroo! My husband, John, is very supportive but I'm worried I'm just too soft for the open road.

Rosie

'I always want to cry'

I'm no psychologist, Jan, but it seems to me you are in the midst of massive life change which, whether you realise it or not, is very stressful. I am not sure how long you have been travelling or whether this new emotional you kicked in as soon as you pulled away from your drive-way, but I should give it time. You've left family behind, left your home, left your job, and you are now spending every day not knowing for sure where you'll be sleeping. All of this change affects people in different ways and I am guessing this hyper emotion is the way it is affecting you. As long as you are enjoying everything else about your trip I wouldn't worry about. It's probably very therapeutic in the same way that people often feel better after weeping their way through a sad movie.

Jaclyn

Well done for caring, Jan. It's a brutal world where unpleasant things happen. While you may be used to facing down angry clients at a meeting, that doesn't mean you're ready to cope with the things you see as you travel. I think a lot of grey nomads spend so much time thinking they will be in some sort of nirvana when they set off and everything will be perfect and everybody will be happy, that anything less than that is a shock to the system. I think you will find things will settle down, Jan. In the meantime, try to do what you can to make the world a better, happier place. I guess there's not much you can do about the dead kangaroo ... but you can try to cheer up couples suffering 'caravan-reverse stress' or 'having-a-bad-day' employees.

Heidi

Spiders and snakes surface

Grey nomads are being warned to be on the lookout for snakes as summer nears and the weather warms up. Snakes are particularly active during spring, but snake experts said most people are bitten only while trying to catch or kill the reptiles. In New South Wales alone, some 28 people have been bitten by snakes in the past month. Victims include an 85-year-old woman bitten by a brown snake in the Riverina, and a seven-year-old bitten by a tiger snake near Canberra. And spiders have also been a problem with one 44-year-old woman was bitten by a funnel web spider south of Sydney. “Paramedics attend many cases where people have put on boots and gloves and been bitten by spiders and even snakes which were hidden inside,” NSW Ambulance Inspector John Brotherhood said. In the 12 months to August, more than 700 incidents involving snakes and spiders were reported in NSW.
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MACKAY, QLD

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