On the road to recovery

The national drive to digitise Australians’ health records has a way to go

When the Federal Government unveiled its much-heralded My Health Record system a few years ago, it was eager to tout the benefits it could deliver to grey nomads as they travelled. However, while the concept of having all medical records immediately available online to doctors across the country sounded good, many travellers have found the reality hasn’t lived up to the hype … at least not yet.

Indeed, anecdotal evidence suggests that huge numbers of medical practices still aren’t using the system, and it’s not just doctors in remote locations. Like many grey nomads, Glynn and Linda Brown were determined their medical issues wouldn’t stop them travelling whenever they could. The fact that Linda has had a long fight against bowel cancer and liver cancer, and Glynn is still being treated for ureter and bladder cancers means they haven’t been able to get away as much as they would like … but they love it when they do.

So, when Glynn’s oncologist told him in July that there would be a three-month break between treatments, the couple wasted no time in packing up their Bailey caravan and hitting the road.

“Because of our health problems, our GP arranged for us to sign some forms to allow our medical records to go online,” said Glynn. “The idea was that, no matter where we were in Australia, if we got sick we could receive medical treatment with the minimum of hassles.”

Glynn has a ‘slimport’ in his arm for chemo which has to be flushed and serviced every four to six weeks, so he brought with him a letter from his oncologist outlining his needs. At first all went well. The couple travelled up through New South Wales, into Central Queensland, across to the Northern Territory, and then down through South Australia. Despite a few hiccups over filling interstate prescriptions, Glynn was able to get his ‘slimport’ flushed at smaller hospitals.

However, things went downhill in Adelaide when Glynn saw blood and clots in his urine and was admitted to hospital. “I told them that my medical records should be online,” said Glynn. “But I was informed to the effect that the scheme had never reached fruition … and that they couldn’t access my records online!”

Luckily Glynn’s condition wasn’t too serious and he was treated and discharged, although told to cut short his trip and head straight for home. Despite being requested to do so, the hospital never contacted Glynn’s GP to explain that he had been admitted to hospital and to explain his treatment.

“Surely in this day and age this is unacceptable,” said Glynn. “A universal way of communication between health practitioners should be the norm!”

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While enthusiastic about the potential of My Health Records, the Vice President of the Australian Medical Association, Dr Tony Bartone, concedes there has been some ‘premature expectation’ around the system.

“This is an absolutely massive task with different software programs in different hospitals, and systems that don’t talk to each other,” he said. “It is a matter of infrastructure, connectivity, resourcing, training, and commitment.”

Five million people have now signed up to My Health Record, and Dr Bartone says that, as the system moves to an ‘opt out’ rather than an ‘opt in’ model, it will reach a critical mass and take off.

“It’s a big transition but real progress will have been made by the end of next year,” he said. “And by 2022 – if not well before – everybody in the health space should be able to share data easily.”

However, Glynn and Linda Brown aren’t waiting around. “I have to have some more treatment but we’re already thinking about another long trip, maybe up the Centre and down the west coast,” said Glynn. “But this time we will carry comprehensive details of all our medications and medical records and avoid any more hassles.”

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‘We found each other by accident ... but he became part of our family’

There are plenty of grey nomads who know exactly how much joy travelling with a dog can bring ... and, sadly, many who also know the pain of losing a furry family member.

While Bob, 66, and Kathie, 76, may have adopted their beloved ‘Gizmo’ almost by accident, the loss of the Japanese Chin Dog in June this year has left an irreparable hole in their hearts, and in their Big Lap.

Gizmo, who had been completely blind since 2015, loved travelling with the full-time nomads, first in their motorhome and then in their 2016 Millard Toura caravan. He first came into Bob and Kathy’s lives in July, 2007, when they agreed to ‘temporarily’ look after him for a friend.

And the rest, as they say, is history.

“He travelled with us full time and became our best little companion, as well as offering his love to the many people he touched in his life,” said Bob. “We have friends who used to ring up and say ‘hello’, then how Gizmo was before they would even think about asking how we were!”

When the couple made the heartbreaking decision to have Gizmo euthanised for his own benefit, he was one week off being 20 years old … a possible record for the breed.

“The first few weeks I was very tender and would break down and cry a lot whenever his name was mentioned or I was telling someone what had happened,” said Bob. “Now I just accept that he had the best life that he could have had, and that he was only ever in pain for those last two days.”

The couple had always loved travelling but it wasn’t until Bob suffered a heart attack in April 2016 that they were able to retire ... and hit the road full-time. They still do a bit of housesitting but it is free camping they love most. Since taking delivery of their new Millard, the pair have tweaked things to better suit their ‘going bush’ needs. They have added two extra solar panels, an extra battery, a gas heater to keep warm in winter, and an electronic stability control to arrest unwanted swaying.

“Our rig is perfect for our travels now,” said Bob. “And we have formed so many great friendships during various Happy Hours and other escapades.”

So, will the couple ever consider getting another canine companion?

“I still look in pet shops and at other travellers’ dogs, but it would be impossible to replace Gizmo,” said Bob. “He was lucky to have adopted parents who revolved their travel plans around his needs … and we were lucky to have him in our lives.”

And wherever the couple go, Gizmo’s ashes and his photo are never far away.

“He now takes pride of place on the van dining table,” said Bob. “He is still travelling with us … just in a different form.”

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A balancing act

With the debate heating up over whether or not the arrival of more cabins is ‘spoiling’ the atmosphere in some caravan parks, the pressure for operators to get the balance right has never been more intense.

On the one hand, it is hard for many to resist the year-round profit cabins can deliver. On the other hand, however, the unique ambience of Australian caravan parks is not a commodity that should be lightly cast aside. While cabins may be the flavour of the month now, the magic of the traditional camping ground will not be easily re-captured if tastes change again.

It is a dilemma that parks like the Lake Conjola Entrance Holiday Park on the New South Wales south coast are all too well aware of. With grey nomads an important part of its business, the park has been determined to protect its holiday ‘vibe’.

Parks are weighing up the pros and cons of cabins V caravans

Recently removing 10 permanent vans. In their place, they have installed eight extra large, 11-metre-long powered sites, and they are also constructing several new ‘ensuite van sites’.

“Looking at the grey nomad market, we saw an opportunity to provide larger sites,” said Brad. “We aim to have the grey nomads stay here for extended periods and feel our facilities need to reflect what this market wants.”

He says other parks were being tempted to get more cabins and have less powered sites because of the large income that cabins and lifestyle living accommodation can generate.

“Permanent residents and cabins help us generate a continual year round income,” he said. “This is important in the cooler months when your park is under-utilised and the grey nomads have gone north or are waiting for the weather to warm up.”

The MacDougalls say the secret is to make sure the space is shared fairly.

“The atmosphere at Lake Conjola is very special with guests treating each other like members of a travelling family,” said Brad. “This would not be the case if the park was completely occupied with cabins and permanent holiday vans.”

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‘Don’t trash the small bins’ – GNT readers

While the plan to reduce the number of small roadside bins in the Kimberley in order to get travellers to use larger skips at strategic locations is not exactly rubbish, most grey nomads aren’t smitten with the idea, either. In our recent GNT poll on the issue, some 68.3% of respondents said they would still prefer to use small bins. However, Ian F, said the new approach was working well.

“It’s a lot better than regular bins with rubbish strewn about the place,” he said. “Although it does depend on Main Roads making sure that they provide enough skips … and that people know about them.”

Cheryl and Rod E were also fans.

“It makes sense to do this instead of emptying the smaller bins once or twice a week,” he said. “The skips would take a lot longer to fill, hence dollars saved!”
Re: Cabin fever (GNT: 157)

Maybe the standard of accommodation expected by today’s public has changed. My memories of old caravans with their bench seating and Formica tables and annexes immediately has me feeling warm and cosy. The whole experience of spending holidays at a caravan park growing up, playing hide and seek with the flashlight after dark, up at dawn to track down your friends and head for the beach leaves me basking in happy memories. It was all about fun and laughter, falling asleep exhausted listening to adults playing cards and laughing. Won’t cabins be like being in your house back in the suburbs, separated, behind closed doors, squirrelled away from your next door neighbours? There’s something about camping in caravans and tents that affords the opportunity to make new friends and, let’s face it, real satisfaction in life comes from our relationships with others.

Helen P

Caravan parks are getting afraid of free camping. More vans and motorhomes have longer lasting batteries, solar charging, their own bathrooms and toilets, etc. thus reducing the need for using caravan parks. Park owners have got more greedy with their charges and RVers have responded by going free camping and using other properties. The cabins are now in competition with motels and hotels and their owners would be foolish to believe that there won’t be a response from that quarter. Competition is good for prices to consumers, so we shouldn’t worry too much. The unbelievable prices at which parks are being sold cannot continue indefinitely.

John O

I feel that cabins are creating a feeling of austerity, and caravan parks with mostly cabins leave a feeling that caravanners are not welcome.

Bill M

I have often thought about the outraged and indignant caravan park operators speaking out about the existence of freedom campsites. Often screaming about the unfairness of it all, they approach local councils and indeed any one who would listen about the business they were losing to the burgeoning movement to bring travellers and dollars to many small businesses in many towns and cities. “Unfair”, they would shout as they build more cabins to put the local hotels and motels out of business. “Unfair,” they shout as they fill their office shelves and fridges with products normally supplied by the local grocery shops and bakers. In my opinion caravan parks would be better off sticking to their core business of parking caravans and motorhomes overnight and giving the grey nomads a fair price for ‘No Frills’ camping without having to pay for extras that they don’t want or need.

Donald C

I think caravan parks are putting their cabins in prime positions, so us caravan people are shoved to the back and beyond. Not good enough as it puts the amenities out of reach. Put the cabins out back as they have their own amenities, and leave the caravan sites as they were … up front near the amenities. We were here long before the cabins were!

Janet W

Huge thanks to Graeme Anderson for sending in this magnificent image which he took from below the lighthouse at Point Lonsdale at the entrance to Port Phillip Bay, just 100 kilometres from Melbourne. “It was a perfect spring night, low tide and a great setting sun,” said Graeme. Was it ever!

Helen P

I think cabin fever is not good news, according to GNT readers

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Letters to the Editor

Share your thoughts with fellow nomads

Re: Stakers & spreaders (GNT: 157). I tend to be a ‘spreader’ these days, simply to stop people parking so blumin’ close to me! I spent the night at a free camp in northern NSW and was quite put out when, although there was plenty of room around, another van decided to park right on top of me … and by ‘on top’, I mean so close I couldn’t open my side window without the glass touching their van! This isn’t the first time either, and I find it annoying, especially when I end up listening to every word they say and then often loud snoring later. That’s just plain rude!

Boppa

At Goomeri in Queensland, we saw a ‘spreader’ with their outlet hoses into the site next door. We pulled into that site not realising the hoses were there. As I got out of our car I noticed the hoses and the huge pool of water in the site on which we were going to set up for the night. I hopped back in the car and told my partner to move elsewhere. What we should have done is parked our wheels on the hoses! But, no, we wouldn’t do that. Very inconsiderate travellers, though. I think they were doing their weekly washing with their onboard washing machine, wasting precious town water.

Jean M

Re: Big Lap apps (GNT:157). All the weather apps use data from the BOM. We use WilliWeather as it has a great format.

Max S

We use a free GPS app when driving in Australia and overseas and when out walking. We just spent eight weeks in Europe … perfect! No internet needed and works offline.

Jo & Ian W

Unlike Google maps, there are several apps that give fully functional map and navigation when off-line so no data plan is required. Mapsme and osmAnd are good examples.

Tony L

What makes the perfect rig? (GNT: 157). Air bag suspension; diesel heater; 600w solar; 200A lithium with latest Redarc charging manager; LED TV and stereo with Bluetooth; instant gas hot water; Houghton aircon. That’s our baby!

Andrew W

My perfect rig would have to have a lovely recliner chair so there is somewhere comfortable to sit … the only thing I really miss when travelling in my motorhome. Most vans and motorhomes are severely lacking in this area with dinette seating that is straight up and down and very uncomfortable to sit in for any length of time. Also an island bed, not crammed in a corner or over the cab.

Di D

The best free camp we have stayed at was Babinda RV stopover. Dump point, hot and cold showers, toilets, and nice green grass. It was an absolutely beautiful spot with a flowing creek to enjoy, and only a few minutes into the township to enjoy a coffee or get groceries.

Deb T

Re: Parenting ‘clashes’ (Jaclyn & Heidi (GNT: 157). We are parents, grandparents and great grandparents, so we are fully aware of the different styles of parenting. While we certainly don’t always agree with some of the newer ideas, we do our best to not interfere with the children’s parenting methods. In this way we are always invited to family functions, including the past two weeks at Moreton Island where we had a great time. Well-meaning interfering will always end in stress which is not needed at our time in life. Better to sit back, watch, and wait to see the results of the different ways. Sometimes it’s pleasantly surprising.

John K
For grey nomads on a long-term adventure around Australia, there are plenty of things to worry about keeping safe and secure … but the key to the caravan or motorhome might soon not be one of them!

RV product manufacturer Camec has just unveiled a Keyless Entry system, which it says will give travellers one less thing to stress over as they take a bushwalk, hit the beach, or just chill out around the campsite.

Instead of a traditional key, all grey nomads and others need to access their RV is a completely waterproof fob which can either be kept in a pocket or on an optional wristband. And the new system is retrofittable to existing Camec doors.

When the RV has 12V constant power, the Keyless Entry system remains in constant standby mode ready to be activated with the swipe of a fob or wristband. And that means no more fumbling around in the dark trying to identify the right key or find the keyhole.

The system draws minimal current so will remain active for up to a year even if the RV is only fitted with a single battery.

If the RV does not have a constant 12V power supply, or if the 12V supply becomes depleted, the Keyless Entry system will automatically switch to backup battery mode. The system is apparently capable of operating on battery mode for up to one year on a single set of Alkaline batteries even if it is used four times a day!

If both power sources are depleted, or if a fob is lost, the lock can still be opened with a backup key, which is supplied with the system.

In terms of security, the fobs are individually encoded to each lock and communicate with the fobs utilising 128bit encryption. The Keyless Entry system comes with two general use fobs and a special red master fob.

Camec says that new fobs or wristbands can only be programmed using the master fob, so this should always be stored in a safe and secure location.

The recommended retail prices of the keyless 3-point lock kit, complete with fobs is $299.

Do You Know
1. A Flan Thrills Zoo (anagram). A natural wonder of the west
2. The Victorian town of Apollo Bay was named:
   a) In 1898 after the schooner ‘Apollo’ which had earlier sailed into the bay under the command of Captain James Loutit.
   b) After Apollo, the Greek God of sun and light by Captain Eric Leadbetter, who was struck by the bay’s beauty when he first moored in 1845.
   c) In 1972 when campervan hire company Apollo signed a lucrative sponsorship deal with the Colac Otway Shire and set out to create a ‘backpacker’s paradise’. If in Apollo.
3. I want to travel directly between the Victorian towns of Edenhope and Horsham. Which highway shall I take?
4. Shortest road distance between WA towns of Eucla and Albany?
   a)998km  b) 1175km  c) 1360km
5. There is a town called Maryborough in which two states?

(Answers on p. 9)
Whenever campfire discussion turns to which towns are the most welcoming to grey nomads, one name inevitably crops up again and again… Julia Creek!
The Outback Queensland settlement, 660 kilometres west of Townsville, is constantly held up as a shining example of what country communities can achieve when roll out the red carpet for caravanners and motorhomers.
The Julia Creek RV Friendly Rest Area offers self-contained vehicles a free 96-hour stay, and it’s a very popular stopover for nomads heading along the Flinders Highway between Mount Isa and Townsville.
Campers staying at the water’s edge beauty spot can relax, throw in a line or a yabby pot … and they’re even offered the free use of bicycles so they can ride into town and explore.
McKinlay Shire also runs an RV Camp Host program from April to September.
Perhaps most impressive of all is the way which the shire works with the Julia Creek Caravan Park for everyone’s benefit. The van park hosts weekly bush dinners at which free campers are more than welcome.
With all this positive energy, it comes as no surprise to learn that travellers have voted with their wheels and the number of grey nomads discovering the town is booming. And there’s plenty to discover.
With a population of about 500, the township began life as a temporary terminus in 1907 when the railway was extended from Richmond to service the copper mines at Cloncurry.
The town’s main industries are cattle, sheep, and mining. The BHP Billiton mine at nearby Cannington produces silver, lead and zinc.
The ‘At the Creek’ Visitor Information Centre is housed in historic railway fettler’s cottages and the innovative audio and visual displays bring the area’s rich history to life.
However, the best way to go back in time is to take the Julia Creek Historical Walk. Visitors can follow a map around the 36 signposted historical sites. Also well worth a look is the Duncan McIntyre Museum, the Opera House, and the remains of a WWII Directional Finding Installation bunkers at the western edge of town. These buildings served as a wartime navigational aid for pilots and were directly responsible for saving allied aircraft from destruction.
Visitors certainly won’t need any navigational aids to find the town’s distinctive 30-metre water tower, which is shaped like a wine glass. At night it is illuminated by blue feature lighting and can be seen from up to 20 kilometres away. The tower, which was built in 1971, allows the hot Artesian water to cool after it is brought up from the ground.
The spa at the caravan park is a great place to enjoy the relaxing properties of these naturally heated Artesian waters, and the park is also the starting point for a superb 45-minute nature walk trail.
While many grey nomads choose to come to to the ‘Gateway to the Gulf’ for the iconic Dirt n Dust Festival held every April, ultimately, what keeps them coming back is the unmatched warmth of the welcome they receive here.

The Julia Creek camping ground is popular.  Pic: Tourism Queensland

We’re up the creek

Bus Driver: Nadrasca is a disability services provider in Mitcham, Victoria. A fantastic opportunity to assist people in your community and also earn money. To apply, visit www.nadrasca.com.au
Dear Jaclyn and Heidi,

I just wanted to get some advice on how to deal with clock-watching noisy campers. For the last two dry seasons, first in Darwin and then in Broome, we have been parked up next to grey nomads who like to sit under their awnings having a drink or three and having loud conversations until exactly – and I mean exactly – 10-o-clock. My husband John and I like to go to bed at about 8.30pm to make sure we are fully rested for the next day’s activities and we find these ‘noisies’ a real pain. We know that 10pm is the unofficial cut-off time for making noise and so we can’t really complain without seeming unreasonable. I know some people would say ‘if you can’t beat them join them’ but neither of us drink and we prefer to keep ourselves to ourselves most of the time.

Gina

Quiet time

I’m assuming that if people are obeying the unofficial noise curfew they are not unreasonable people, so it’s always worth just having a quiet word if you can. You may be surprised how cooperative some campers can be once they know there is an issue … but be sensitive. They may just be happy to have their extended Happy Hours under a different awning. I know it is not everyone’s cup of tea but the joy of the Big Lap for many nomads is meeting like-minded travellers, inviting them over for a drink, and sharing a joke or two. Granted, 10pm is pretty late for most travellers but it is what it is. I think if campers are basically sticking to the ground rules the best thing you can probably do is buy some earplugs, play some music until 10pm, or just go to bed later and get up later.

I’m afraid this falls into the ‘learn to live and let live’ category, Gina. Living happily in a caravan park with people with different expectations requires a bit of give and take and a willingness to be thoughtful towards others. The only thing these grey nomads are really guilty of is of being on holiday, enjoying a social life, and squeezing every second they can out of the grey nomad clock. Staying in caravan parks is effectively a form of communal living and you have to come to terms with the fact that there may be ‘nuisances’ around … like adults laughing; kids playing; queues to use the laundry room washing machine; and occasional muddy footprints coming out of the shower cubicle. Laugh or cry, Gina? Your choice! If you want to live in complete isolation, head bush or get yourself a hotel room!

Heidi

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QUIZ CORNER SOLVED

1. Horizontal Falls
2. a) In 1898 after the schooner ‘Apollo’ which had earlier sailed into the bay under the command of Captain James Loutit.
3. Wimmera Highway
4. c) 1360km
5. Queensland and Victoria

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NYAMUP/MANJIMUP AREA, WA

Caretaker/handyman couple wanted. Active couple with handyman skills required to caretake village of Nyamup Nyampu is an ex timbermill village comprising of 25 cottages all privately owned and rented out as short term accommodation. Caretaking can encompass a wide variety of tasks, however we require a couple that are passionate about the bush and interested in working with guests and owners. Their role will include gardening, general maintenance, security, taking bookings for guests, general upkeep of the village and various other caretaking tasks that arise. This is a permanent role and we are seeking a short term arrangement. Click here.

BROOME, WA

We are looking for a retired self-sufficient couple to live on our block at 12 Mile (20 km outside of Broome) on a short-term basis in exchange for doing a few odd jobs around the place. Suit handy people. Basic power and water with long-drop toilet and walk-in bathroom under the stars and access to storage shed. References preferred. No insurance or accident cover provided. Click here.

PIILBARA CATTLE STATION, WA

Pilbara WA Cattle Station looking for Station Stay Carer/Helper/Camp Hosts from October onwards. Own caravan required. Amenities and food supplied. Click here.

HOUSESITTING

ALBURY, NSW

Seeking a couple to house sit for 6 February to 17 February 2018. I have 2 dogs a very old Jack and a puppy 10 months. We live in a little house in the town. I also have a cat who you only see at meal times. I have an acre of garden which will need watering but has is watered with dam water and sprinkler system. I live 16 kms out of Albury not far from the Hume weet but close to Murray river. There are large trees to park your van under and power and water. Click here.

EUDLO, SUNSHINE COAST, QLD

Seeking ‘farm’ sitters from 2/2/2018 – 11/3/2018 at Eudlo in the Sunshine Coast hinterland. The property is 10acns of alpacas (mamn feeding and ensuring they have water). We have a 30 acre property with room for a mobile home or caravan, access to laundry, toilet and shower, solar power and tank water. Watering of the garden may be needed and a small area of mowing (we have a ride on). Click here.

MAREEBA, QLD

Seeking Farm family for approximately the 1st February to the 17th February for 2018. We are on 30acoms from Mareeba very peaceful with small creek. There will be a bit of yard maintenance involved (ride on mower), shifting of sprinklers pending on rain and a veg garden for the green finers. Mobile home or caravan family with access to power, water, washing machine, shower and toilet. One dog and two cows also live here. Click here.

DINGO, QLD

We are looking for a house sitter our property is 13 km out of Dingo Central Queensland from now till February 2018. Would like someone to feed animals / gardening /check on cattle. Click here.

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Long term farm sitters required for a property situated between Miles and Roma. We are seeking a mature couple with previous experience on the land preferred. Duties include maintenance of stock and house water feeding of animals as necessary. There will be two dogs plus two horses. The farm will be on the banks of the river. Click here.

CUNNAMULLA, QLD

Seeking a caretaker for two weeks (from around the 21st Oct to 4th November) on our Cunnamulla sheep, goat and cattle property. Meat, eggs, money for groceries, power and water supplied. Large lean-to on the side of shearing quarters to park caravan and vehicle. The shearing quarters has a freezer, fridge, washing machine, shower, toilet, toilet and all weather walking pool. Pets welcome. Click here.

PT AUGUSTA, SA

House sitters wanted : January to mid May 2018. We are looking for someone or a couple who will look after our two main homes/motorhome/ caravan in our driveway under a large 3 mtr x 8 mtr carport, with use of our Granny flat with lunch room and toilet. Dues include upkeep of the garden. Click here.

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