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The 3rd utter load of rubbish ramblings from a delusional Aussie who has been in Sth Africa during the Covid 19 Pandemic, and has bored the living shit out of people with his daily writing of crap during the worst times of lockdown in Cape Town. With this story, he still continues to test readers mental stability and levels of tolerance for him in this 3rd book in his series. For all concerned, we hope this pandemic is over soon, so there is not a 4th piece of garbage!

Previous ramblings include:

- *100 Days of Lockdown Sth Africa*
- *100+ Days of Lockdown to Australian Freedom*

This story shall bore you to sleep, or to death, covering riveting topics such as the final few days spent in Sth Africa, up to the end of Australian quarantine #2 in Perth for this fool story teller and chief bull-shitter.

Many will say this could be the best solution to the toilet paper shortage of 2020-21, but time shall tell....

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# PROLOGUE

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING SINCE WE LAST MET!

Following on from many recent riveting and world renowned best selling books, including **“100 Days of Lockdown Sth Africa”**, (the clear No. 1 most read book in the Neighbourgood Apartments Bookshelves 2020-21, Cape Quarter - Cape Town), and the second completed but un-published extended edition yet unnamed, documenting **“100+ Days of Lockdown”**, up to the period of arriving into, and experiencing Australian Quarantine back in August 2020, this 3rd edition has a simple and focussed agenda to document - **the return home to Australia from South Africa into a second round of Government mandated quarantine in Perth.**

As a recap, South Africa went early into a State of Emergency and subsequent Lockdown with harsh rules and regulations in place back in March 2020- including no alcohol, no tobacco and curfews ranging from total lockdown to what still remains today at time of leaving - limited curfews, which still effect business trading hours and service and selling of alcohol, as well as many other sectors whom are still not operating. For more than 365 days there has been some form of curfew in place and limits on restaurant and liquor trade, including a return to 2 separate total closures of the sector again. More information on this impact and the daily ups and downs is in *“100 Days of*

*Lockdown South Africa*” and *“100+ Days of Lockdown”*. Both of these document the daily recaps on the events within my expat life and family decisions with the last story ending with the departure of my 1st Australian quarantine, back on the 6th September 2020 following around 165 days of lockup, plus quarantine being covered.

Since this time 6 or so weeks was spent in Perth enjoying not only time with the family, but very much a Covid non-existent lifestyle, to the extent that I couldn't find a mask anywhere to buy, as I wanted an Aussie Flag mask to take back to Cape Town. In October 2020, I returned to Cape Town with my son - Josh, where he resumed back at the American International School in face to face learning, having endured around 6 or more months of remote learning, so it was good for him to get some face to face 'friend time'. Cape Town has bounced around both up and down in regards to levels of Covid alert, with case numbers peaking around mid 25,000/ day which was described as the second wave, not long after we returned home. This saw harsh bans re-introduced including alcohol being banned again, 8pm to 6am curfews put in place and trading limits in various sectors. After some time, all settled down again and a gradual roll back in curfew times, restaurant and bars etc began trading again and life was normal, or at least Sth Africa normal anyway - masks have been mandatory since march 2020, and they aint going nowhere soon!

As of mid January, Sth Africa had around 1.3 million cases of Covid and just under 40,000 deaths, from a population around 55 million.

With a whole lot of family decisions to make and as well as work related ones for the longer term, we made a call to send Josh back to Australia in January in order to resume school in Australia in Feb. This was part of our 'what do we do next' plan, that needed to include how Josh best completes his schooling and this plan still isn't fully locked in place, as we do lead a quite hectic existence at times and make some choices that we know freak people out, or give them some good stories to speculate about us and our choices - but you know what, who cares what they say/ think....we know what we are doing and have done and are aligned and all good!

Having said that and although I remained in Cape Town, it got to the stage where I needed to get back. It isn't a great or enjoyable situation to continually be apart even though we have purposely done so, so from around the time Josh returned home, the plan was in place for me to also being to plan to return...so with a flight found, the wait began to see if it all eventuated.

## GETTING TO THIS STAGE

To actually get on the plane quite a bit needs to go on behind the scenes. Clearly having a cousin in the travel sector to look after and find your booking and lock it in helps, and the other key to getting home is being prepared to pay to do so! Local media has for months and months stated there are more than 40,000 Aussies trying to get home, and I know it is hard to get home, as I found out last time with state arrival limits not making it easy either, but it is very achievable to get back, and this is my second trip back where others say they cannot do so. I will come back to this point at a later stage!

Once the booking is made you are clearly waiting and hoping you do not get bumped from the flight, which seems to be the biggest issue/ risk people are facing. There is no real confirmation or notification that you have been selected to fulfil a weekly or daily arrival quota into Australia, given borders are still technically closed except for returning Australian passengers. To come into West Australia, you need your booking, then need to apply for a G2G pass to show cause to get into the state, something that you need to convince having not lived there, but having Stacey in W.A and Josh here, it is pretty simple to request approval to come home to re-join the family, so getting approval for this was reasonably painless.

In addition to this you need to have a Department of Home Affairs clearance to be shown, which can also be

attempted to be used to be exempted from Hotel quarantine - hardly worth the effort of that one so complete it and be told you're off to a hotel, no issue. With these all done, its waiting, and preparing/ planning for a Covid test -72hrs from leaving S.A.

In my case this time, i had decided to pack up and move out of my apartment vs. keeping it rented, so again most items where packed and stored and moved all ready to be sent if things work out that I don't return to S.A, or easy to grab in we all return mid year!

It is in my last week in Cape Town, where this story shall pick up as my 2nd departure from Cape Town commences and my 2nd Perth Hotel Quarantine begins.....

