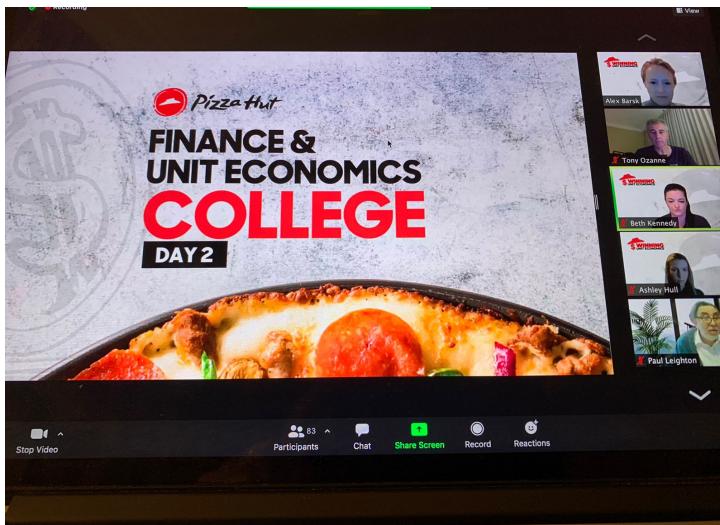


## Day 11 - Wednesday 24th March 2021

After a reasonably latish night, on the Global Finance College call last night, I woke at 4.30am for some reason, then was a bit unsettled and fluffed around until the obligatory knocks on the door - one for my newspaper, and the other for my breakfast that goes into the bin. A big pot of coffee to start the day and I was ready to rock and roll - so it's back to laying on the bed and get settled for the day. I did awaken with a bit a sore arse today, and unless I was visited by aliens and got probed, or had a quarantine hotel breach by security guards and also got 'probed', I assume it was from the 100km bike riding yesterday!



Most of the morning was spent doing work stuff on the computer, apart from a call to Michelle my sister who is off to hospital on Thursday for an op. Pretty

soon it was 3pm and work time in SA, and being a Wednesday I had a fairly full schedule of calls with my team including Finance, Ops, Nigeria etc. before getting into Day 2 of the Finance College which was due to run until around midnight.

*Given it was a bit of a low key day - I shall again pivot...*

I have made a previous reference of how well the Pan Pacific seems to be doing in dealing with their Quarantine guests compared to me and my families previous experiences, and the biggest way they do this is through simple engagement via a private FB group. Let me share some of the ways they do this...



*Pan Pacific PPP-VIP Group welcomes you to Quarantine*

11:31 AM

Announcements

Pan Pacific Hotel Perth 6 d · 66  
Welcome home!

This group has been especially curated for returning Australians and Australian residents undergoing mandatory hotel quarantine with us at Pan Pacific Perth.

The intention is to provide a platform for us all to communicate politely, have a little fun while sharing the trials, tribulations and quirkiness of quarantine. We will share any advice we receive from the WA Health, daily happenings within the hotel and of course the fun goings on of your fellow quarantine travellers.

**PPP VIP Group Rules**

**Hotel Quarantine**  
The WA Govt. has seconded Pan Pacific to provide a quarantine facility for returning Australians. Our primary remit is infection control for you and our colleagues safe.

**Constructive Comments**  
Constructive comments are always welcome however subjective personal opinions can be unhelpful. There are strict WA Health rules that prohibit us from providing a true Pan Pacific hotel experience.

**Service Issues**  
We reserve the right to remove posts with extreme negativity. Should you have a persistent grip on a post, please call Service One by dialling 99 and our team will be delighted to assist you.

**Be Kind and Courteous**  
This page is all about having a little fun while in hotel quarantine.

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Upon entering your room armed with your information pack, there are details on the access to this group as the key form of communication. Each day there are multiple posts of note, including the menu for the upcoming excitement of the knock on the door for your meal (previous hotels have been a total mystery until you open the bag up!), there are also notices on incoming arrivals and departures and the fact that these may impact / delay any outside deliveries people have booked due to WA Health requirements, information on how to depart, room serve options, tips on outside ordering and some options for other services available whilst in the hotel

stay period - basically pretty much all of the information you require for the stay period.

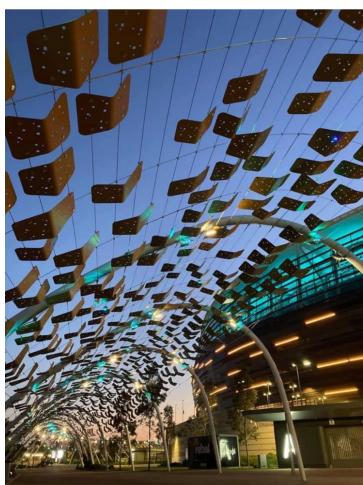


Some of the cool things that take place on this group include the engagement and interaction of the guests who treat it as a little 'community' with engagement on movies, food, things they see outside, drawing sharing, books etc...but one nice aspect is the 'paying it forward' that is taking place - when people are due to leave, they are offering items they have left to use (microwaves) or to entertain, to others on a first come first gets basis - microwaves is another change compared to the Hyatt stay - not sure if the rules have changed, or if it's this hotel, but the hotel has issued some to guests, but others have been bought, then passed on, and on etc...they are met with protocols -

only shared after 2nd negative covid test after departure once cleaned and sanitised, or if there was a positive test before the person vacated the room, there is a 72hr room quarantine where the room is not entered, so there may be a delay in people getting. But back to the point it is really great to see the offerings that get posted by departing guests in the platform.

East Perth

Sharing our neighbourhood with you.



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Seen by 96

11:35 AM PPP VIPs

Pan Pacific Hotel Perth  
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Tonight's featured beer is a six pack of Gage Road Alby for \$25. ALBY Draught is a no-fuss, West Australian lager. It is a smooth, refreshing, easy-drinking beer which will appeal to lovers of classic WA lagers. To order, dial 2# on your room phone.

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A few other pieces of content which appear include pictures of the surrounding area here - East Perth, I guess given the fact many people whom are here will exit and head off to other states, so it's nice to show what's around the neighbourhood, and each afternoon there are daily beer/ cider/ ginger beer deals to entice you to drown your time away! I bought beer early on but haven't touched them yet, as has been mentioned at

the start of this, I need the detox after my last few weeks/ months in Cape Town...

Want to give a heartfelt thank you to Mina, Rob and the PPP team for their enthusiasm and warmth in helping me surprise my wife for our 5-Year wedding anniversary ❤️ It was so unexpected during this quarantine period and she was so overcome with joy 😍

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Finally there are also awesome small touches the hotel does for people - such as birthday treats, anniversary etc and there have been posts on small 'thank you' cards for departing guests as well...they also have a daily competition where they usually give away 10 special meals (be it fish and chips/ pizza etc) which is a highly engaging and sought after prize!...

back to the past Hotel Q comparison - none of these took things place - you never heard from the hotel after check in, until you handed your exit form on departure - nothing at all. For all the criticisms of how hotel Quarantine is handled, I have to give credit to at least the effort the Pan Pacific is making to put guest at ease in the social/ engagement space. Are things perfect here - certainly not as per some of the earlier opportunities, but they are well in the past of my mind, as this little group is a great idea...

And that was Day 11 - with some hotel info thrown in as bonus....



Day 11 meals - getting repetitive

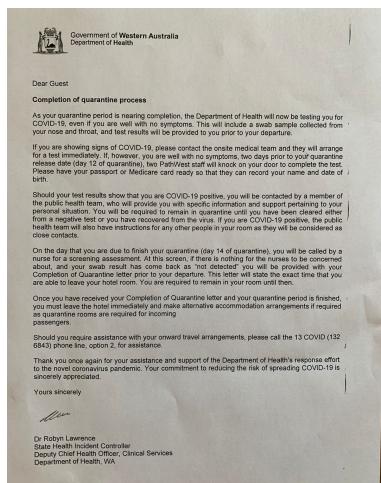
## **Day 12 - Thursday 25th March 2021**

Another reasonably early start today to get on top of a few things. I honestly don't know why, as it only makes the day go longer, it would be much better to stay asleep until around lunchtime, to cut out some time! I caught up on some writing in this document from yesterday, sent off a whole lot of minutes from some work calls/ meetings, and put together a few bits and pieces, planning for some other calls and meetings later today and next week. I did indulge in a coffee from downstairs today for my 3rd morning coffee...it was worth it...



Considering I wrote a bit about the hotel from yesterday I decided to reach out to Rob, the Manager (again via the FB group) to see if he wanted to have a read of yesterdays info from a hotel comparison point of view. He did, so I sent it to him, then he called and we had a good old chat about a whole lot of interesting aspects on the hotel quarantine situation and quarantine processes etc. - a lot of things people would not even consider or be aware of, so hearing it from the perspective of the hotel gives a different point of view, and apart from a couple of minor early glitches, I have repeatedly stated how well this hotel is doing...it will take a bit for them to screw it up in the next 2 days...

I also had a letter from W.A Health under the door (or outside the door) this morning with departure information, nothing specific, mainly some of the



upcoming process, which includes another nose and throat probing today for the final all clear check.



*When the Covid 'probers' arrive through the peephole*

2nd Covid test all done, and another painless one and a quick one, should get the results tomorrow then it's all systems go for Sat departure. It is starting to nearly feel like I am getting close now.

Late afternoon saw several zoom meeting start, very inconveniently around the same time as the AFL started, which was quite rude, as I had to take part in the session with the TV on mute for an hour and half, then missed most of the game. You would think people would schedule these things much better than that. Another call soon thereafter with Nigeria and a Google

team saw the game end. Luckily I have time to watch the rolling repeated replay on Fox Footy over the next couple of days!



Following a cold dinner (due to the calls), I jumped on the bike for a quick 30 odd k's after my slack day yesterday before catching up on the days emails thus far, and planning some RGM Stewardships for bot Sth Africa and Nigeria for next week...2 sleeps to go!



Day 12- Lunch and Dinner

## Day 13 - Friday 26th March 2021

Thirteen, lucky for some so they say, well I guess it lucky for me as I woke up to my Day 12 Covid test which is the final potential roadblock to getting out, and not that it was any big shock, but it was negative again, so it's game on for an exit Sat.

WA Health advises,  
Tony's recent COVID-19  
test on 25/03/2021 was  
NEGATIVE.

If Tony is under any  
quarantine direction,  
they need to follow  
those instructions to  
self-quarantine. IF they  
are not under a  
quarantine direction but  
are still unwell, they  
should self-isolate until  
recovered.

Physical distancing and  
self-hygiene

All that remains now is to have a final so called visit or check from W.A Health which is supposed to take place on Saturday to be issued with a Quarantine Release letters so that I can then get out of here at the pre-determined time which will also be announced, and is supposed to be based on the flight arrive time way

back on the 13th, which has actually gone quite quickly this time around.

#### Departure Day Update

For guests that arrived on 13 March 2021 on QR900 ex Doha you are scheduled to depart on or around 1821hrs tomorrow.

To ensure that departure is quick and as seamless as possible please read the departure notes found in the announcement section o... See more

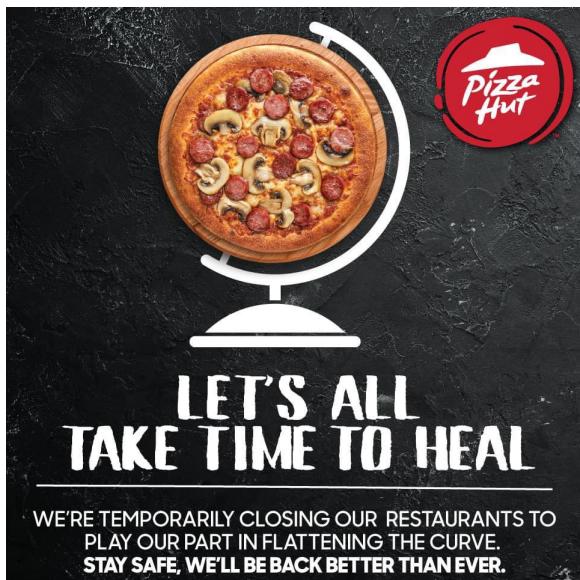


*The long awaited and best post of the stay!*

Around mid morning we got the departure time from the hotel, which should be reflected by WA Health tomorrow it does look like we have been shafted a bit, as I was sure we landed 20 mins earlier to our ETA, but 6.21pm it is...I will be running out that door at that time.

The time killing period involved a combination of computer stuff, tv watching and bike riding little bits

and pieces prior to SA waking up and the AFL starting. I have no scheduled calls booked in today, so its a great chance to plan and catch up as well as ensure I'm fully prepared for next week, where I have booked in RGM stewardships for SA on Monday and Nigeria on Tuesday along with a Sth African marketing Co-Op planning day on Wed, so I need to do some homework for all of these, and I seriously doubt I will be doing much come Sat night when I escape or on Sunday.

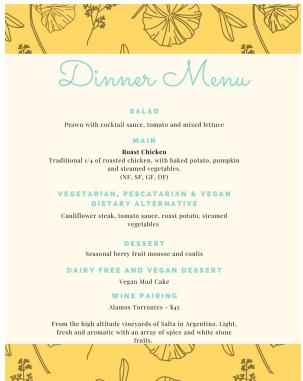


*One year ago today Sth Africa went into the start of its lockdown, of which it still hasn't fully exited with curfews!*

A Facebook memory came up today with some posts we did for closing our Pizza Hut business in Sth Africa a year ago today. Whilst its only a year, it seems such a

long time ago in this weird year we have all experienced, and clearly still experiencing! SA still hasn't really come out of its Lockdown and still has a State of Emergency in place and has still got curfews in place as it has since this time last year - all be it in a less severe capacity, but they do move around a lot, and I am even reading news today of calls to make a move backwards to extend curfews and maybe ban alcohol again in the lead up to Easter - not because there is any conceding case increase, but they are afraid this period will cause a third wave...another call for Uncle Cyril to make at some stage next week I'm sure when he has one of his infamous 'Family Meetings' with the nation.

Just like I did unsuccessfully last quarantine, I thought I would give myself a treat for my last night - last time I had a craving for Thai food that Uber managed to leave on the footpath outside the hotel, and I never got it, today I felt like KFC. The only way I could get it was via an aggregator ie Doordash, Deliveroo etc or the KFC App. I don't have any of the Australian aggregators, and yes I could have downloaded, but I was intrigued on the KFC App and its functionality and user experience, so I downloaded it. I had to register - no issue, and all was fine until the very final step wanted a code verification which would be emailed to me - it didn't come, wasn't in my junk. I re-send - same result. I exited the App, deleted the app and tried again and same outcome...so me last night treat didn't work yet again, and then to rub in it, about 2hrs later I got a 'Welcome to KFC Australia' email



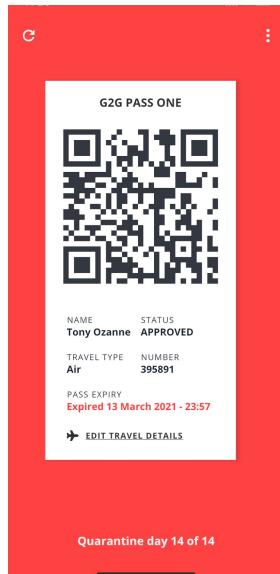
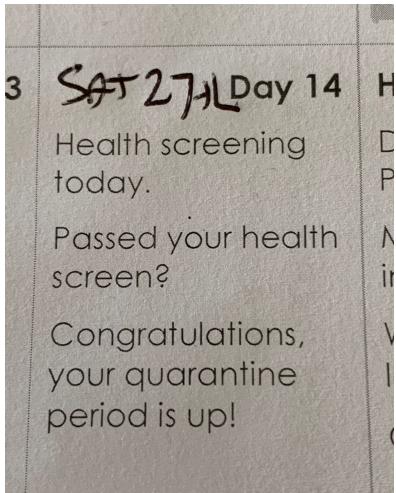
## Day 13 - Lunch & Dinner

## Day 14 - Saturday 27th March 2021

It's home day today....the official paperwork dictates the time of departure, which is supposed to be based on the time your flight lands - we landed at 6.05pm so I hope this is the time we are given as I flight was scheduled to land at 6.25pm, and the hotel has advised 6.21pm...I think this is more than likely the official time, but we will wait for WA Health to give their official word.

Today is going to drag out in a frustratingly long way and as would be expected, I was awake at 6.30am, vs having a sleep in until lunchtime which would have been nice! I started a bit of packing up stuff and cramming as much into my cases as possible. I will be leaving with more than I came with as have a whole lot of crap I havent used that will go with me to give to my

nephews and Josh ie drinks and snacks and crap. Luckily there are 4 games of footy on today, so it will be a lay around killing time day with some final bike riding thrown in.



My G2G arrival App is now showing the end is nigh, and my poxy WA Health Support calendar is also telling me that is all over. I got called from the nurses to again ask me if I had a list of symptoms, then they told me the departure time will be 6:09pm, which is more what it should have been given I thought we landed at 6:05, and a little bit earlier than the hotel's 6:21pm as advised earlier - when the time has slowed to how it is today, even minute earlier is a bonus.



Government of Western Australia  
Department of Health

27/03/2021

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

### Sections 67, 70 and 72A

#### END OF QUARANTINE DIRECTION: TONY EUGENE OZANNE

The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic on 11 March 2020.

On 15 March 2020, the Minister for Emergency Services declared a state of emergency with effect from 12 a.m. on 16 March 2020 in respect of the pandemic caused by COVID-19 pursuant to section 56 of the Emergency Management Act 2005 (WA) (Act). The state of emergency applies to the State of Western Australia.

On 13 November 2020, the State Emergency Coordinator made the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions (Directions) pursuant to his powers under sections 67, 70 and 72A of the Act to limit the spread of COVID-19 in WA and to facilitate the management of people coming into WA during the State of Emergency.

On 13/03/2021, you, **TONY EUGENE OZANNE**, entered Western Australia. Pursuant to paragraph 7 of the Directions you are required to comply with the centre quarantine requirements unless an authorised officer directs otherwise (Centre Direction).

I, Joanne Wilson, Emergency Officer, now give the following direction pursuant to my powers under the Directions.

#### COMMENCEMENT

- 1) The End of Quarantine Direction comes into effect at 18:09 on 27/03/2021.

#### DIRECTION

- 2) You are no longer required to comply with the Centre Direction at 18:09 on 27/03/2021.

#### Note:

*When this Direction comes into effect, you will be allowed to travel home, subject to travel restrictions currently imposed by the State Government. Whilst travelling in Western Australia, you must comply with the current COVID-19 restrictions that are in place ([www.wa.gov.au](http://www.wa.gov.au)). This may include wearing a mask whilst in public spaces, maintaining physical distancing and all other general infection control measures. You pose no threat of COVID-19 to your family, community or workplace. Please ensure that if you are operating your own business, that you comply with any relevant restrictions affecting your industry.*

.....  
Joanne Wilson  
Emergency Officer  
27/03/21

Finally with about 2 1/2 hours to go, the official letter of clearance was slipped under my door to allow me to exit. Time to finally pack all my shit up and kill the last couple of hours watching TV...I did finish off with a 65km ride today as well, which means I rode 13 out of 14 days, and managed to clock up just over 600km, so instead of my walking obsession from last time, I had a riding obsession this time, but it killed some time and stopped me being a total lard arse!



*Ready to roll.*

I teetered between watching Saturday AFL, up to when the Roos game began at 5.10pm (I should have bothered), and stuffing around getting all packed and checking I had everything all in my bags and clock watching - I swear time stood still....finally the time approached 6pm, and i was ready, then dad called to ask if I was out, and Kyle and Sharif called from Sth Africa also checking if I was out...it was all happening in the final minutes, but had to cut them short so I could bolt out the door...with one minute to go I stood at the door as did about 10 other people on my floor - it felt strange seeing humans again, and it a bit like reunion of old friends, everyone greeting and giving false niceties, but in reality we all new it would be Hinger Games like to see who would get to the lift first.

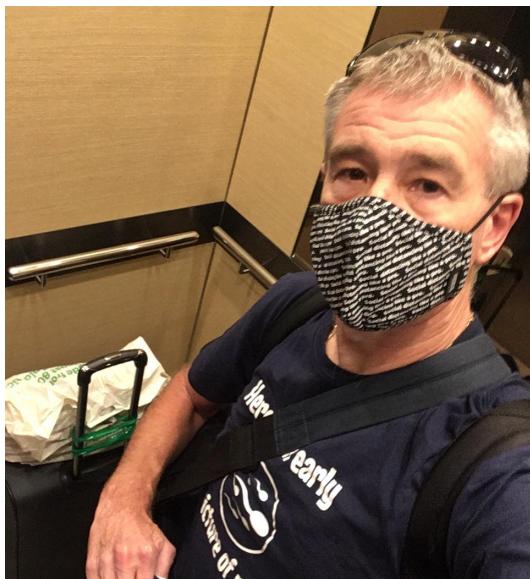
All our plans were cut short as security made us wait until 6:09 then demanded we all socially distance and wait one by one to get ID and letter checks done before we got to the lift. I think i was like 3rd or 4th in line, and the process didn't take too long. A short wait for a lift (again only one person per lift, as we all have cooties clearly), and then I was headed to the ground floor with freedom soon to appear.



*Out of the room to a check!*

One more security and passport check at the exit of the lift (just in case I had changed identity or someone had climbed into the lift shaft and replaced me), and it was then a point in the direction to the lobby, it was here I caught the first glimpse of Stacey waiting in the lobby, but I was not out yet. One more form to hand into the hotel to finalise the hotel checkout process,

which was literally that, hand a piece of paper over as all room charges for incidentals was done as per consumption took place, and the actual bill for quarantine will come from the WA government at some later stage - it took about 3 months last time.



*In the lift*

Then, all of a sudden I was free...and as quick as that we were walking out of the hotel to the car for the 2 min drive home....current time 6:19pm....10 minutes to get out was pretty good.

Once home, it was a hello to the boy, who was watching the rest of the Roos flogging, then a quick stroll to grab some Thai fish cakes to go with the Green Curry i had requested for dinner, and we were all settled, with a weird and surreal feeling of being



*In the car in 10 minutes*

outside and un-restricted again. The actual weirdest feeling was walking outside to go to the restaurant for some take away, and not putting my mask on, something that is an automatic habit every day for the last year, it feels like you have left something home... but it is good to be free!



Stacey actually had my shisha upstairs on the balcony from her storage shed in the carpark, and I was a good boy, and didn't even go near it to set up etc for about 3hrs, or just as she was about to head off to bed. I also brought my bike and gear up as well and shall get that all set up and ready for action come tomorrow or Monday I'm sure, but in the interim, time to chill and enjoy a weekend of freedom.

# CHAPTER 5

## THE END OF ANOTHER AUSSIE QUARANTINE



*“Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results” - Einstein*

This has been the second time of returning to Australia during this pandemic and second hotel quarantine. As a family, we seem to be hotel and home quarantine experts - I have completed 2 x 14 day Hotel stays, Josh has done 2 x 14 day hotel stays and Stacey has done 2 x 14 day hotel and 1 x 14 day home Isolation for interstate travel! Does this mean this will be the last one I or any of us do? The honest answer at this stage is we/ I don't know!

I shall working my normal SA job, just doing it remotely from Perth for a period of time. As usual, our next move and plans are always a whole lot of ‘if this’ and ‘when that’ happens scenarios but we do have a few potential plays in place.

One plan is for us all to return to SA as a family again around mid year, but the priority and focus is still some stability in Josh's schooling, and making sure he doesn't have to go backwards or be at risk in this area. He is currently enrolled in his schooling in the 1st half year here in Perth but also has a seat held in SA for the second half year...In addition and to add complexity, Stacey has a good job here in Perth and probably wouldn't get work if she went to Sth Africa. There is also still a lot and back and forth on longer term capital and expansion with our investors in regards to the work front in Sth Africa, although this is mostly resolved now after a long period of frustration. So as usual there are a lots of variables in our life as always, and more than likely there is still time to has an 'out there' scenario throw its hand in the ring as well.

On top of this, and something that would make things a whole lot easier in both stay or go scenarios, is the whole Covid situation and how the world is still some time off being 'normal'. If you could simply jump on a plane and fly to Sth Africa or fly back to Australia easily without restriction or quarantine, this would certainly change a lot of things, as currently it's not as simple as doing that - and from all that you see/ read even the vaccine may not make it as simple as all think - the world is still messed up and shall be for a while I think.

So in reality it will be a few months with several things happening behind the scenes (work and

personal wise) which shall be spent here in Oz. This will also allow me/ us to see what's going on here in Oz as well on several fronts - all my personal stuff is still in Sth Africa in storage and in my office, so I'm sure there will be lots of soul searching and home discussions in the next few months on the pros and cons of what our next move is as a family, as well as all the special comments from all around us on what we should or shouldn't be doing (with good intentions, so not being disparaging).

The only major risk on a shorter stay or a change for me is if I'm sent away again sooner, given the fact Stacey hasn't seen me for so long and I drive her mad within a few days!

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR



### TONY OZANNE

Known as a bit of a dribbler of crap, Tony and his family have been on and off expats for the last 20 years. More recently, time has been spent in Sth Africa in Cape Town, and life has involved the family being separated for more than 2 out the last 4 years, and Covid hasn't helped this. Since the onset of Covid a daily journal has been kept. This is the 3rd edition which focuses on Tony's return to Australia for the 2nd time to see his family.