

## all work and no play?

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***We can all work hard, we sometimes/often/always work on weekends, at other times we don't have enough work and we're unsatisfied, we can work early in the morning and late at night and now we can work at home through our online network connections. Well, this is an article about not working. It is an article about having holidays. Using up those precious days of annual leave to discover what we're like when we are left to our own devices in holiday mode.***

It was 6 weeks ago that my friend and I sat on a wharf in Queensland, feet dangling in the water. Beside us sat a kilo of prawns wrapped in paper, a plastic container of seafood sauce and a lemon we had to break open because we didn't have a knife. My new \$2 thongs sat by my side, my bathers were like a second skin, I hadn't brushed my hair for 4 days and I'd never felt better. The salt water, sun, sleep and good food had fixed me up. I remember as I lay on the warm wharf, the sun burning orange behind my closed eyelids, saying out loud to my friend that it is at these moments that you are absolutely happy and content.

In my mind, there are several important things to remember about holidays, the most important of all is to get organised.

Good holidays require some organisation. The other great part of organising your holiday is that it offers you something to look forward to. Obviously what we do with our annual leave is varied. There are all sorts of holidays but here are a few suggestions in case you need some inspiration.

For stuff you may not think of doing but would quite like to do there is my favourite website – [lastminute.com.au](http://lastminute.com.au). They have special deals on everything from boutique hotels to riverboats on the Murray.

For accommodation without planning you can always try [www.needitnow.com.au](http://www.needitnow.com.au). This is where you should do your research if you're looking for a quick fix.

For more substantial holidays within Australia the state sponsored travel centres are excellent. You often end up dealing with people from the state who have great local knowledge.

These include:

[www.canberratourism.com.au](http://www.canberratourism.com.au),  
[www.visitvictoria.com](http://www.visitvictoria.com),  
[www.nttc.com.au/home/default.asp](http://www.nttc.com.au/home/default.asp),  
[www.discovertasmania.com.au](http://www.discovertasmania.com.au),  
[www.southaustralia.com](http://www.southaustralia.com), and  
[www.queensland-holidays.com.au](http://www.queensland-holidays.com.au).

From experience I can recommend the Queensland Travel Centre – good for cheap flights and accommodation packages.



THE WINE & CHEESE TASTING FOLLOWING THE YOUNG LAWYERS' ASSEMBLY AT ELDRIDGE ESTATE WINERY IN RED HILL.

ABOVE RADHIKA KANHAI (VICE PRESIDENT YOUNG LAWYERS' SECTION), CATHERINE DWYER (CO-CHAIR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE), MICHAEL HORVATH (PRESIDENT QUEENSLAND YOUNG LAWYERS) & KATIE COGHLAN (CO-CHAIR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE).

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For close to home adventures during the year *The Age Good Weekend* magazine has a special edition every year exploring 52 weekend escapes – look out for it.

There are also a million different Bed and Breakfasts which, if you are prepared to put up with a few extra ornaments and lace doyleys, are pretty good.

**Weekendretreats.com.au** is a good place to start as is **babs.com.au/vic.htm** – these give you a good idea of what is available and the cost involved.

For travelling to destinations beyond the bay the web obviously offers a million possibilities.

Some websites worth visiting for a bit of inspiration include:

**www.lonelyplanet.com,**  
**www.jetnet.com.au,**  
**www.studentflights.com,**  
**www.traveland.com.au,**  
**www.flightcentre.com.au.**

These websites all have sections that include “special deals” which are often



worth investigating.

Web directories like **exclte.com.au** and **looksmart.com.au** both offer many excellent travel links such as **www.travel.com.au.**

Finally, the world of international travel has undoubtedly changed over the last few months. Our attitudes to flying may never be the same. But, it is my personal view that it is imperative that we continue to

travel as before. To alter the destinations we may have once yearned to visit, is an implicit indication that these particular tactics of terrorism are working.

I understand why people may perceive making the most of cheaper air tickets and accommodation as unprincipled, however, is it not equally misguided to perpetuate the negative flow on effects of reduced tourism by staying at home?

## Young Australian of the Year Awards

**Congratulations to Lucy Turner from Corrs Chambers Westgarth,**  
 for being chosen as one of three finalists for the  
**Victorian Young Australian of the Year Awards 2002.**

Lucy was nominated for this award by the Law Institute of Victoria, due to her outstanding work in creating and coordinating the Lawyers for Forests Association.

**Georgina Costello from Mallesons Stephen Jaques**

also reached the semi-final stage in the Young Australian of the Year Awards competition.

Georgina is to be commended for her dedication to the Amnesty International-Victorian Refugee Team and the International Humanitarian Law Unit of the Australian Red Cross.

Both Georgina and Lucy will receive special acknowledgment at the presentation of awards ceremony to be held on **29 November 2001**, where the winners of the Victorian awards will be announced.

These awards are presented by the National Australia Day Council and are one of Australia's most prestigious youth honours.