

wearing's wanderings

for members and friends of aussiesit.org & kiwisit.org

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aussiesit and kiwisit are proud to welcome Seniors Card members from Australia and New Zealand



Here at Last! aussiesit.org online

After a year of painstaking planning and development the aussiesit.org website is now up and running. To be followed shortly by our kiwisit site, both will provide unprecedented travel opportunities for Aussies and Kiwis lucky enough to be aged 50 or over.

We are also committed to providing superb customer service for our members, along with topical travel information and links for everybody.

aussiesit is a service that links Housesitters over 50* with Homeowners who seek the security and peace of mind that can only be achieved by having their homes, gardens and pets cared for during their absence by mature, responsible Housesitters.

On this site you can:

- ▲ **Browse** housesitting Opportunities all over Australia;
- ▲ **Register** for life membership of aussiesit and kiwisit;
- ▲ **List** your housesitting Opportunity;
- ▲ **Respond** to a housesitting Opportunity through our safe and secure communications service;
- ▲ **View travel news** from a wide range of perspectives;
- ▲ **Read and Download** our regular, information-packed newsletter;



- ▲ **Link** to many other seniors- and/or travel-related websites;
 - ▲ **Win** in our regular fun competitions, starting with our Playfriend of the Month
 - ▲ **Share your travelling experiences** – good and bad – with other members and readers;
 - ▲ **Check out our Special Offers**, exclusive to members.
- When you have visited the website, please send us your comments and criticisms so we can keep improving the experience.
- Because, above all, we want to see you returning regularly to aussiesit.org.
- * **Please Note:** If you want to housesit and are aged under 50, we recommend that you pay a visit to the excellent Happy House Sitters website at: www.happyhousesitters.com.au

Win a book on aussiesit.org

We invite members to share their travel experiences, whether in Australia or overseas.

This invitation is open to Homeowner and Housesitter members.

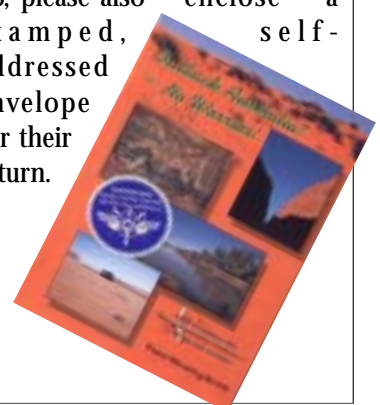
The sender of each story used on the site will receive a signed copy of Peter Wearing Smith's

award-winning handbook for safe outback touring, *Outback Australia? – No Worries!*

Please send your story and pictures by email to travel@aussiesit.org, or by ordinary mail to aussiesit, P. O. Box 513, Toorak, Vic 3142.

You may enclose original pictures for scanning, but if you

do, please also enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for their return.



The Jock Barker Column



Jock was a much-loved Labrador that the editor owned in Hong Kong. He was very much the Canine King of Lamma Island and when I wanted a name for a page of rumours and offbeat news stories in *CAR Life and Style* magazine, one of our columnists suggested Jock Barker (you know – dogs bark to spread news!) with a picture of the lad himself. Jock has since gone to the Big Kennel in the Sky, but his column lives on...

One of the features of the Jock Barker column in *Wearing's Wanderings* was be the Playmate of the Month, but that title is copyright to Hugh Hefner and Playboy Enterprises Inc. So, to avoid lawsuits from litigation-happy Americans, we have settled instead for **Playfriend of the Month**.

This is a competition open exclusively to Housesitter members, who are invited to submit pictures of animals they have cared for **while housesitting**, along with a brief description of the sit. All entries will be posted to the aussiesit website, with one being adjudged by the editor as Playfriend of the Month and featured in *Wearing's Wanderings*.

The member who submits the winning entry each month will receive a three months extension to his or her Travel Zone access.

Entries, with original images, should be emailed to travel@aussiesit.org, or sent by post to aussiesit, P O Box 513, Toorak, Vic 3142. You may enclose original pictures for scanning, but if you do, please also enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for their return.

Deadline for each month is the 15th, and the editor's decision is final. Bribes will not be accepted, nor any correspondence entered into.

Playfriend/s of the Month - May



Last year the editor looked after a small farm in Victoria's lush Gippsland region. Among his charges were two cats and 40 cattle

Meet the team: Rosemary Fisher

The three founders of aussiesit share a love of travel as well as a range of complementary management skills that each brings to the aussiesit business. In this, our first Meet the Team column, we introduce Rosemary, who is responsible for the all-important databases and other "back office" services that make aussiesit.org unique...

Rosemary Fisher grew up on a farm in the renowned Victorian Rutherglen wine region. As a small girl she used to "help" her father with the accounts and paperwork, although in retrospect she thinks this might have been Dad baby-sitting! However it was an introduction into what now has become her profession.

With a history of business management, Rosemary has held a broad range of roles in various fields including business planning, operations and finance. Her recent experience includes the creation of



new reporting and database structures and she is now a project and business analysis manager with a major Australian newspaper publishing group.

In the last two years Rosemary has been studying part-time through the Australian Graduate School of Management (AGSM) for her Master of Business Administration (MBA), and has now achieved her graduate diploma.

She is currently taking a break from study to give her extra time to devote to the launch of aussiesit, and to painting.

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Outback Odyssey

Manfred and Gisa live on the Gold Coast and love travelling.

In 1995 they set out on a 4 ½ years journey around the world in their 10 metre yacht, the Tokoloshe II.

Their aim in 2004 was to drive their Toyota "Troop Carrier, or Troopie" to the Kimberleys on an extended trip lasting three months.

With a housesitter installed at home, they were ready to move.

Find their story at www.aussiesit.org/travel



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