

Dear Peter Lois,

Sunday, 1st June '86

We have now arranged our holiday with Jack & Beth Higgs. We fly up to the gold coast on Sunday 27th June & return 8 days later. It is just a short break, but it will be good to get away from the cold. It sounds as if we will be in Surfers at about the same time that you are in Cairns on the way to the U.S. of A. Lois. Although both ^{are} in Queensland they are about 1,000 miles apart, which presents some difficulty in time and expense.

The Higgs have asked us several times to stay with them but we have not previously done so. There is the possibility, however remote it might seem, that they may be looking forward to our company, and ^{be} planning what to do with us. It may seem discourteous if we were to abandon them for a day or two in mid-holiday to go up to Cairns. Time is likely to be even more of a problem with you two, unless of course Peter you would like to draw Lois where Victorians go to get away from it all. Surfers Paradise (known also as Surfers Palestine by some antisemitic Southerners) has all the unspoilt natural charm of Waikiki Beach in Honolulu. It can be good fun tho, and we would be happy to contribute towards your cost of getting there. A first installment is enclosed Peter. No need to thank us for it.

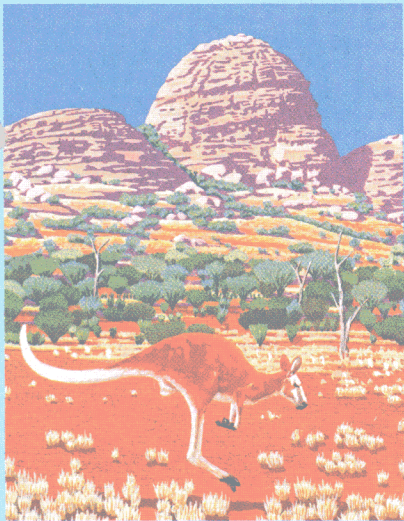
We had all the family (apart from you two) around for the evening meal tonight - the first time together for 3 weeks. Jenny & Bill enjoyed their time in Tasmania. Ian & Monie & the kids are off to Fiji for a holiday mid-July. As it is men's birthday on Tuesday the girls brought the food and a birthday cake with them and we had a party.

I think that I mentioned that mum was putting her paintings into shows at Concerts and at Yoralla School. She sold 3 in all during the week, so I'll be able to cut down on the housekeeping money. Grandpa Gumble went up to the branch's last weekend. On Wednesday they took him on a boat ride on Lake Eldon. He was O.K., but he fell and broke her hip. She was operated on at Epworth Hospital on Thursday and is getting on quite well.

Apart from going to a mens breakfast at the church

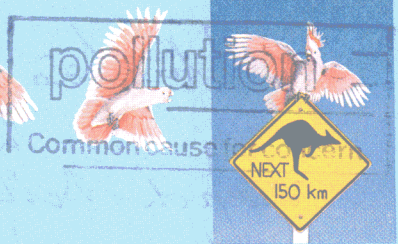
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at 8 am this morning, potting up 100 odd camelias, back to the church with mum this afternoon for a discussion group, picking up paintings and entertaining the grandchildren it has been a quiet relaxing day.

Incidentally like we have been wondering how you are planning to spend your long-service leave between the time you leave Tabubil and the wedding? I guess that you will find plenty to do.

I have asked Blandiga (Basil Flynn) to 'phone me as soon as the oppo is sold, so that I can ring you.

Love,
Alan Dad.