

8th June
S.P.M.

Dear Lois & Peter,

It was good to get your telephone call today and to hear that the wedding has been moved forward to about the time you originally planned. Mum was particularly pleased. Over the last week or so she has done a lot to stimulate the local economy ^{by buying} new winter-weight suits & jackets, blouses, ^{shoes} etc. etc. for a cold weather wedding. She now gets to start shopping again for a not-so-cold time of the year.

The important thing of course is that ~~at~~ the time suits the two of you. It did seem a pity to have the time of the event dictated by the availability of accommodation for the reception. It is a day you both will remember for the rest of your lives, and, whilst the weather is perhaps the least important consideration, it is better to be fine than otherwise.

One of the things we have wanted to do for some time is to see the New England States in the Autumn, when the foliage is at its best. There are a number of other places we want to visit in the Eastern States. The most important thing for us of course is to see you married, and to share in your happiness on the day. We would want to do that whatever season it happened to be - however if we had the choice it would be the autumn - as you have chosen. It is the best time of the year in Melbourne and whilst you have something different called the fall, it should be quite a good time for us tourists. We probably won't stray too far afield, or try to cover too much in one visit.

Peter, I hope that you are able to escape for the meeting in Melbourne on 9th July (We arrive back from Surfers on 5th). It would be good to see you again and to be available should any fatherly advice be required. We are glad that you have been able to arrange a break for a few days in Port Melbourne. Work is alright in its place, but it sounds as if the two of you have been rather overdoing it.

I have been on light duties for the last couple of days with a minor inner ear infection - the aftermath of a cold (which I seldom seem to catch). This something that should clear up in a day or two with anti-biotics, but it is just as well it happened now, and not when we were planning to fly up North. I can only ever remember flying once with something wrong with an ear & would not want to do it again.

Mum has just finished her piano practice so I will finish this off and be sociable.

Love

Yun Dao.