

Hi All

2017 was a good one for the Attfields. We especially enjoyed our trip for the month of February to Australia. The flights (there and back) were long but direct from Los Angeles which was a huge bonus.

We had a whirlwind few days in Melbourne, seeing the famous Briton beach with its colourful little boat houses, visiting the alleyways with all its spectacular graffiti, and climbing the highest building in Melbourne in an elevator that rose 9 feet per second (think about that for a second...that's fast!!) to the top of the world for some spectacular views.

We also visited Cairns and crossed a big one off our bucket lists...swimming on the Great Barrier Reef. Truly a beautiful spectacle and a once in a lifetime experience! We spent some time on Kangaroo Island where Cathy saw her first live kangaroos on the road. We had to stop to let them drink from the puddles on the road at their leisure. There was no hurrying them!

When we got back to Canada we endured a very smokey summer in the fire filled Okanagan valley. We had our backs packed at one point to evacuate but, thankfully, the wind blew away from us, so no harm done although we had a few sleepless nights. We managed to get out of the area for a visit to family back east.

In the fall we headed to Arizona and were fortunate to find and purchase a lovely home in Sun City Grand, something Howie has been wanting to do for a very long time. We plan to move from our long-time winter home in Yuma to Surprise on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Well all, we hope you have had a good 2017 and will continue to be healthy and happy in 2018.

All our best wished...

Howie and Cathy Attfield