

# TIME

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Annual round-up of events  
Downunder

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Covered Bazaar  
Istanbul

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR,

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Dear Friends,

We trust that our annual report finds you well. We are fortunate that both of us have enjoyed a prosperous and healthy year, and it's our wish that you've all enjoyed the same blessings.

Lily maintains a calm life focussed around her work in an architecture practice in North Fremantle. This year the practice took on the regional Cemeteries Board as a client, which for a landscape architect, is akin to the holy grail of design opportunities. The practice is involved in the design of a new memorial park and a new bush garden area in an existing cemetery, along with a number of those things that architects do. Oh yes, buildings. Together with a range of research projects and taking on a little more of the practice and workload management, she has greatly enjoyed her year's work.

Travel for Lily this year has been limited to 2 trips to Melbourne. In June, Lily went to join her friend Terri in the occasional house and dog sitting gig in a bayside home in Melbourne's south. The highlights included High Tea at the Windsor Hotel, and an exhibition of Italian painting from Madrid's Prado.

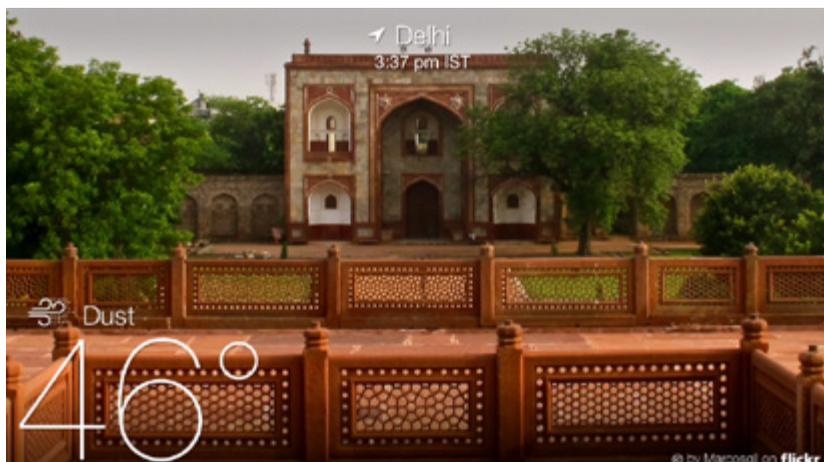
Combined with a number of fine dining meals, and visits to the studios of celebrity patissiers, the walking barely managed to cover the calorie intake.

While in Melbourne, Lily began her first Tunisian Crochet project. While most people begin with a pot holder, Lily's Queen-sized multicoloured rug occupied her evenings all winter.

On a quick two day trip back to Melbourne in November, Lily visited an exhibition to look at incorporating aroma in the landscape. Also she took in the Jean Paul Gautier exhibition which featured seven of his collections and assorted photographs. This was an amazing show, with the mannequins which feature holographic and highly animated faces. A must for every designer!

Otherwise, Lily has a number of close friends that she sees regularly. Combined with managing our rental properties and keeping up with her reading group she manages to stay busy.

Don, aged 67, in his 36th year as a quadriplegic, has avoided major pressure sores and has remained lean and healthy. He's inconvenienced by low blood pressure after meals causing dizziness. Richard, his carer of twenty five years visits every weekday. He continues his enjoyable retirement routine; wheelchair trips and races, daily coffee outings, and biweekly meals with friends.



## FAST FACTS

Don's videos are posted on:  
YouTube channel Don434 which now totals over two million views.

To read about Don's Trip  
<https://www.facebook.com/donald.e.pugh>

He's a Social Media addict with Facebook, Twitter, Google+, Instagram, LinkedIn, Pinterest, Flickr and a variety of other sites.

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Don is enjoying using a Go Pro Camera this year and has focused on improving his editing skills and film production using Avid Media Composer and has produced twenty odd movies.

Besides two one week trips to the WA holiday towns of Geraldton and Bunbury, he's completed an extended odyssey around the world involving visits to ten countries and thirteen air flights on five airlines (see map, over.) It was a thoroughly enjoyable trip for him without any mishaps.

Highlights included Singapore's Marina Towers and meals at the Boat Quay. In New Delhi, India, the temperature reached 48C which challenged his planned sightseeing. Don was thankful that India has progressed past the Ambassador car. A hotel in Istanbul's old quarter hotel allowed tram travel to the Covered Bazaar, Santa Sophia and the Blue Mosque.

From London he stayed in the village of Flackwell Heath with Jonathan and Andria Crowther for

a week, with side trips to Brighton, Oxford and Marlow. Arriving 24 June in Toronto, Don continued on to catch up with friends in Sault Ste Marie, and Wawa where he arrived for the Michipicoten High School reunion. Don taught there 1972-1975 before migrating to Australia.

In southern Ontario, he enjoyed a week with Bill and Sue Vanwart in Roblin and two weeks with Ken and Margaret Richmond, (Don's sister), in Ridgetown. In Vancouver, Don's brother George dragged Don to an Electric Car Show to covet a new Tesla. Don was awed by the scenery on a trip on the Sea to Sky Gondola in Squamish BC. New stops on the journey were Manila and Guam, which were both experiencing summer weather patterns and thus climatically very unpleasant.

Don was disappointed to miss so many sites and old friends on this trip, but he was hampered by time constraints. James Wright did an excellent job in assisting and chauffeuring him.





Lily's sister Robyn and her husband Ken Liebeck had an average crop with harvesting finishing in mid December- a little earlier than usual.

Our nephew, Curtis has completed his Agribusiness degree and scored a R&D job with a national company. After orientation in Perth, he will relocate to Katanning, about 3 hours south east of Perth where he will begin trials with the local farmers.

Britt has enjoyed an active first year at the University of Western Australia, obtaining high marks and participating in numerous social events at St Georges College, her choice of university residence. She is currently working at the Grain Receive Point at Muntadgin for some of the summer break. During term she coaches sports and works at a couple of private schools as an IT Technician. We are still shaking our heads over that one! She's a weekly

visitor here to do her laundry and to get a home cooked meal.

Michael Hand visits periodically and is now staying in the Liebeck summer cottage at Preston Beach, south of Perth. He continues to paint watercolours, take walks and keenly observes life of others who winter in an ostensibly summer resort.

We love hearing from our friends through letters, emails and calls. We are delighted when our friends come to visit, even though Perth is ranking as one of the most expensive cities on Earth. The sun does shine a lot here, so that makes up for the rip-offs in the shops.

Our warmest to you all.  
Don Pugh and Lily Auld

