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The art of the staycation - having a fun time in suburban Perth



Enjoying a staycation at Quest in Innaloo

by Chris Parry

BEFORE the pandemic I wasn't really interested in going away close to home. I wanted to save my 'away time' for going far away.

You could get me anywhere around the state but to stay in Perth just seemed a bit indulgent. Why put your feet up just 10 minutes from home?

Well, I am a changed man!

I've recently been a guest of Quest Apartment Hotels to get a better

understanding of genuine initiatives to make life easier for many and also to learn how to completely bring me onboard as a lover of the staycation.

Quest Apartment Hotels are all over Australia and in recent years have moved from just being located in CBDs to now being found in the suburbs of our cities as well.

I often wondered how that worked and what sort of guests would choose to stay in our suburbs. I'm not sure I have all the answers, but I have a couple

for you.

Staying 10 minutes from home at Quest Innaloo changed me completely.

Packing our overnight bags and thinking about a few things we wanted to do, my family set off down a familiar road and arrived as seasoned travellers but certainly newbies to the staycation.

I remember the first time I did a resort holiday and worried about whether I wouldn't be able to sit still and relax. It was a bit like that when we

checked in to Quest Innaloo. If the friendliness of the reception staff and local knowledge provided for my queries wasn't enough to relax me, then opening the door to our spacious two-bedroom suite was the cork popping off the bottle.

Putting my bag down, checking out two spacious bedrooms, dining room, living room, kitchen and two balconies was enough to switch my thinking from: "I can almost see my house from here." to "I am away from

home and can just relax and recharge."

Our balconies overlooked Ikea, with the city beyond and out to the hills of the escarpment to the east. We were just a few minutes' walk from Innaloo Shopping Centre and Greater Union Innaloo Cinemas, or there's a bus that pulls up outside and conveniently drops you outside those centres.

We are regular visitors to these destinations, but staying away from home changed the way

we shopped. Rather than rushing we mooched, and we even got a bit indulgent at the movies and bought large combo's rather than smuggling in our own snacks.

All around Quest Innaloo are great lunch and dinner options that are easy to walk to and roll back to your room after filling yourself on fresh pizzas at Tassels or sushi at Sushi Wawa. If you're not sure what you want, the hotel offers an in-room ordering service with an extensive range of local dining options that may be a bit far to walk to.

The vision for Quest Innaloo is to support local businesses and be seen as a local. Being a contributor to the local community goes further for Quest Innaloo than supporting cafes and restaurants.

Quest Innaloo isn't that far away from Osborne Park Hospital and has wheelchair-friendly access throughout the hotel, including onsite undercover disabled parking, which make it a very comfortable and convenient option when receiving

outpatient treatment at the hospital and needing somewhere close to stay.

If you know a young person aged 15-25 with cancer who lives in a regional area, make sure you let them know that Quest operates a 'You Can Stay' program at all Quest Apartment Hotels. Coming to Perth for treatment can be costly for a young person and a family. Providing free accommodation while receiving treatment is making a contribution to the community that we should all be supportive and proud of.

So how's that? If you were like me, have I changed your mind about a staycation? Do you think a night or two away in luxury and familiarity is worth it? I have no doubt that the travel plans each year for my family will now build in regular opportunities for a weekender and it's all thanks to Quest Innaloo.

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