

LA Couple Decide To Leave After 29 Years in the U.S.



"It had to happen sometime" Sallie replied after being asked why they are leaving the US and returning to Oz. "When the idea came up to return to Sydney and live with Dad I asked Theo when he could retire his answer was: In about two weeks. After that the decision was easy". Then came the whole "Should this stay or should this go" process. Unfortunately most of the books went, which was quite a wrench, but they went to a good cause. "That was late 2021, but we seem to have got away with it so far" said Theo.

Pillow It Go BOOM!



Some doubt the story, but it is said that it gave its life to save ours. Who knows what could have happened if it hadn't jumped in and prevented a bigger disaster? Services are to be held over the weekend at Bed Bath and Beyond.



Local Band Cruise Control Swamped by CDs!

After a productive 2020, LA band Cruise Control had too many CDs made. It turns out no one wants the bloody things, but please do check out the tunes at [Cruise Control - Cruise Control](#). When asked they said "We're just glad we didn't get the vinyl record version!"



Finally, Finally... A Real Strat!

"Don't tell the Tele..... she doesn't know about it" said the new owner of the iced coffee burst icon. "I call it my Joe Biden Guitar as it was his incentive payment that paid for it". He has even argued that some good came out of COVID.

Zoom Meetings Catch On



When asked about the increasing popularity of an interwebs based social life Theo was heard to say that "I think it saved our sanity – such as that is. It takes some getting used to and is not a full replacement for being in a pub but it does mean we get to see our friends all over the country, indeed sometimes around the world." The more cynical would also point out that the beer is a lot cheaper.

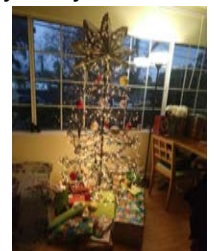
Old School Drum Sound.

L.A. Drummer Phil Glosserman, shunning the V-Drums, broke out his acoustic kit and covered them with his patented "Boof! Boof! Boof!" treatment.



LA Residents Find New Ways to Socialize

Seems it was possible to see people in person, just not always as close up as you might wish, nor very many at a time.





Shit Hits Fan on Cross World Move.

Having decided to leave the sunny climes of Los Angeles and return to the now rather damp Australian environment, the brave couple had to sort through 29 years of stuff and begin to pack some of it. "We managed to fit the kitchen stuff onto one surface – a sort of self-regulating situation" Sallie said, "As well as find more corks than the human mind can comfortably conceive. Thanks to a recommendation from Kaspar the couple found an excellent moving company who sent four lovely gentlemen who packed and removed all the stuff and sent it off on a boat to Australia. All that remained was to work out what to do with the rest of the stuff and prepare the house for sale. Says Theo "We were a tad nervous about that but it sold just before interest rates messed up the market."



One Olive Martini Has One Last Bash.



"Not quite the Last Waltz but not too far off" was the band's assesment of their last few times to make noise together. "If I've learned one thing from this experience" opined the guitar player "it's that it's really hard to sing and cry at the same time." Hope remains that this is not the *last* last time, but it could be a while, what with members spread not only across the USA, but around the world now.



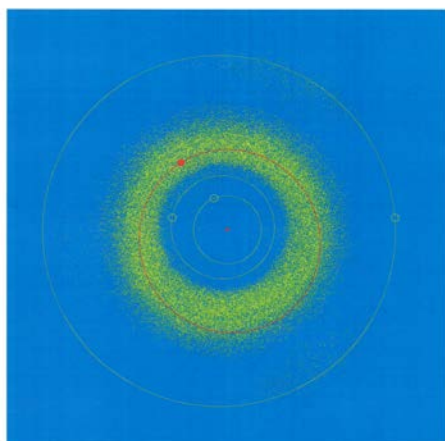
Drums Find New Home



Having decided that the old kit was not worth moving across the world again, a new owner was found with little difficulty. This move made all concerned very happy, except perhaps for the other members of the family who now have to live with them.

Asteroid Named After Sallie

(28245) Cruise = 1999 AV₂₇
Discovered 1999 Jan. 14 by the Lowell Observatory Near-Earth Object Search at the Anderson Mesa Station.
Sallie Cruise (b. 1958) is a singer, musician and philanthropist from Hobart, Australia. Her stalwart support of the arts and literature have improved the communities around her.



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Retired Astronomer Accepts Award Using Interpretive Dance



Day finally came when Theo retired as Director of the CHARA Array in Southern California. "It wasn't so much bitter-sweet as just sweet" he joked, "I'll miss these people and this project but I won't miss the administrative, the proposal writing, the dealing with socially challenged scientists and the *&^&*ing GSU/HR department." Shortly after this he was awarded the Fizeau Lifetime Achievement award – the sort of thing that they give to old retired farts – but due to a minor technological problem it had to be done using interpretive dance. "It was very flattering to receive this scientific award. I look forward to going there to pick the damn thing up"

One Long Farewell From LA



Lots of people and lots of RATs. There was no shortage of love from the friends in LA. There was music, sailing, and just plain hanging out. "We're gonna miss these f&^kers" one was heard to say at the penultimate farewell event, "but we'll be back one day!"

Intrepid Couple Make It Home Alive.



It was a close-run thing, but not only did they get to Sydney in one piece and without catching the dreaded "C", all their stuff arrived only a few short months later. "The scary thing was working out how to fit all our stuff from a large house into two rooms in the house at Coogee" said Sallie, "Whatever you do, don't look in the basement!"



But Also Too A New Car!



A good choice amongst slim pickings. With few cars available of any kind in Sydney and used ones too expensive our brave duo managed to find the new vehicle that they have named "Flirty".

Not Lonely Yet in Sydney.

Turns out there remain quite a number of people in Sydney who are interested in seeing the prodigal couple. "What with a High School reunion which felt as if it was put on just for us, a family winter Xmas in Tas and a few long term friends we feel right at home - which I guess isn't too surprising I suppose" said Theo, "We're used to swanning in for a few weeks every few years and bugging back off to LA, as I guess they are, so I just hope they're still glad to see us after another six months only to find we're still here."

You Just Can't Keep Them Off The Stage.



"It was just too tempting not to join in" said Sallie after a few songs at Mr. Les and Ms Tiff's musical birthday bash "with fabulous support including a drummer and bass player who knew the tunes it was easy and comfortable". Theo also managed to get out for the Sydney Fringe Festival and was joined by intrepid traveling Astronomer Dr. Gerard who became the first, of what it is hoped many, visitor.

Duo's Return Home Fully Upstaged by Two Weddings and Babies



"It's something that's hard to be very upset about" said Sallie "but it would have been nice if the excitement about our return had not been so short lived!" They seem to have gotten over it though as our couple went head long back into family life. With a third baby due in a just a week or so and who knows what other excitement on the way they look forward to their first Xmas at home in many years.



Sallie Cyriac
Theo to Mum