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### TIMES OF SAND

blankets and saddles, muzzles colourfully surrounded in crocheted protection, that is, for the rider and cameleer. It was two to a camel. As I climbed aboard the slightly lumpy seat did I hear a groan? A signal was given and with a great heave-ho and a disgruntled snort we shot up in to the air. Three camels and their passengers set forth into the velvety darkness. With all the grace of a sailing ship and not a lot of speed we moved out and set off around the camp and returned for the obligatory photo-shoot.

Dismounting, however, seemed a whole lot trickier than climbing aboard, as suddenly, I lurched dangerously forward at a great rate of knots. The camel had obeyed a command that I had not heard and at the risk of being deposited in a rather inelegant fashion I clung for dear life to the metal bar in front of my saddle and waited for the camel to come to rest. I was happy to slide to the still warm sand and bid my camel and its handler goodnight.

I didn't know at the time but this was the beginning of an amazing adventure not only in UAE but further afield to the Mussandam Peninsula and Muscat in Oman, United Kingdom and recently a surprise trip to Rome. Perhaps more stories will appear in print in the not too distant future. ■

Middle Eastern barbecued meat, salads and steaming flat bread. Eventually, fully sated, the call came that the camels were ready, but was I ready for the camel?

Ships of the desert they are called. The camels were waiting, chewing their cud, dressed ready for their unsuspecting passengers. Adorned with their finest, brightly coloured, tasselled



GILLY AND JILL AT JILL'S CHARLEYS FOREST HOME IN JULY 2017.

## Gilly and Jill

BWD caught up with Gilly Burke and Jill McLeod while Jill was still living at Charleys Forest. Here is part of their story ... Jill kicks off and Paul records

To decide to upsticks from somewhere else and choose Braidwood, from my point of view, has a lot to do with what you are attracted to. It's got to be about 30 years now I think, when we lived in Canberra and the trip to the coast was a regular event. You got out of Canberra to save your mental state. And, apart from visiting our relatives, we would head for the coast. Therefore of course, we always drove through Braidwood — and we always stopped. If we hadn't bought the morning paper, we'd make sure we bought it in Braidwood. We did your shopping too, so that we didn't have to go running around down at the coast. Then, the minute you got to the coast it was your free time, you didn't have to worry about whether you had enough to eat or whatever — it just made it so easy. And so we got to love the country

thing. After my mother died we had a bit of money, and we decided to buy something not in town, as it were. So we came out to a real estate agent here in Braidwood and there were three houses to look at. This was the first one [Jill's house at Charleys Forest]. We came in through the gate off the road, found the gate that connected onto the property, we got to the top of the drive and we could see the house. My husband whispered to me, "Shush". He did not want me to exclaim how wonderful it all was — he thought that might add a few thousand if I said, "Isn't this wonderful!". But anyway, we had made our decision before we even got out of the car even though we had no idea what the house was like inside. But it just stood here beautifully. And coming down that little hill, it just appealed to us. This was in the 1980s. I don't think I

could find the original purchase documents easily after all those years. You usually file things like that away in a secret place and never find them again.

**BWD:** And after you settled in, in your bit of Shangri-La here, what prompted you to get involved in town activities, to the extent that you ultimately did?

**Jill:** It wasn't a case of being bored or anything like that because I can always occupy myself. But I was always fairly industrious, I think. It's not just a case of being busy, but of thinking to myself, "look, I could slum away through years of just indulging myself — having coffee with the girls".  
**Gilly:** Mm-hmm (affirmative).

**Jill:** But I felt that would be a little bit inane, at the age I was, not to be doing something where I'd have to use my brain. Wally, my husband, was also still keen to work. He did all sorts of different things. He was always very interested. He'd hear about something, and say, "I might go and see Joe and see whether he'd like me to be of help". He wouldn't care whether it was paid or not. He never worried about

### TAX TIPS with Tim Allen

There's a hidden danger lurking within the Fringe Benefit Tax rules that business owners should keep an eye on. Where a third party supplier is generous enough to include your employees, there's a very real possibility that this could trigger a tax liability for that business. In our current newsletter we cover this and other quirks of the FBT regime.

#### CASE STUDY

Rosie is employed by an accountancy practice that provides taxation advice to many soccer teams and their players. The teams often arrange free tickets for Rosie and her partner to attend matches and sometimes corporate functions that precede them on match days.

The partners of the accounting practice encourage her to take up these offers as they provide an opportunity to network for new business opportunities.

It is likely that a benefit has been provided, by a third party, which arises in respect of Rosie's employment, which would make the benefit subject to the FBT provisions, resulting in her employer having an FBT liability.

Our current newsletter also looks at the need for valuations for Self Managed Super Fund assets, the looming Single Touch Payroll requirements, as well as when or if a business can use simplified trading stock rules.

Please contact us for further advice regarding any of the topics covered here or your specific tax questions.



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