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Steve Collins loves trains and discovered much about picturesque Switzerland on a recent sojourn. Pictured above is one of the spectacular views of the Alps he captured on his rail trip around this beautiful country. Read more on page 25

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Clockwise from left; Have a Go News' reader Philip Hov's photos from his travels - Jennifer Merigan MY wish for 2020 is for rain and lots of it across our wide brown land. Our hearts go out to the many people who have been affected by bushfires across the country. It is a tragedy that so many homes, busi-nesses, people and wildlife have been lost. Reports are coming in of insurance claims already exceed-ing \$700 million dollars with many more to come. It's devastating for everyone and especially for those in areas which rely on tourism as a major source of income. One of the best ways we can support people in those affected areas is once the fires have gone out and it's safe to return, think about planning a trip to some of the destinations. That will help to of the destinations. That will help to again put money back into these local economies. \*\*\*

I hope this year brings you the opportunity to travel to the destinations that you are itching to see. This month in our pages Steve Collins files a story about his rail trip through Switzerland, Mary Carroll visits the Marquesas Islands. Closer to home Josephine Allison makes a visit to Albert Facey's house in Wickepin and Lee Tate discovers more about Fremantle

CMV's ship Vasco de Gama has arrived into Perth and I know many people will be taking the opportunity to enjoy some of the cruises from our home port of Fremantle. I look forward to hearing about people's travel aboard for her first season.

A report called the OAG Punctuality League index looks at 57.7 million flight records using full-year data from 2019 about airline punctu-ality. Garuda Airlines was the most punctual airline in 2019. with Qantas coming in 18th. Well done Garuda, I have flown with them several times to Bali and have really enjoyed the service.

Avid reader Philip Hoy from

Booragoon emailed me some very funny signs (pictured left) which he photographed from his recent 17day cruise aboard the ship Azamara which left from Singapore in December visiting Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Muscat in Oman and Dubai, Thanks for taking the time to email us Philip.

If you have a travel issue, would like to send in a photo from a recent holiday or share some information. don't hesitate to contact me on my email. Our website also has great travel information which is updated regularly and I encourage you to take a moment to visit it at www haveagonews.com.au Happy trails



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## The world's slowest express train - discovering the delights of Switzerland by rail



#### by Steve Collins

CONTINUING my Grand Rail Tour of Switzerland which I began in the Sep-tember 2019 edition, I caught the Golden Pass train to Montreux at Interlaken railway station.

Switzerland is the water catchment for Europe. It is this glacial melt which feeds many of the great rivers of Furope

From Interlaken we passed the Thunersee, an impressive alpine lake in the Bernese Obeland with many small towns clinging to its shores. Views from the train were mesmerising. At the town of Spiez we

headed inland towards Gstaad and soon began climbing and enjoying stunning mountain scenery. Gstaad is an upscale resort town that is apparently favoured by royalty and celebrities.

The cities in Switzer land are not massive and are contained and orderly. Zurich, Switzerland's big gest city, has a population just broaching 800,000 people. Also, the archi-tecture remains stubbornly Swiss, there are no garish McDonalds' buildings here to destroy the

ambience. We were now located in the French speaking part of Switzerland, with the only obvious change that signage and announcements being train

were now in French in-

stead of German As we approached Montreux we caught glimpses of Lake Geneva, and its French shoreline, far below us. This final section of the trip proved to be the most interesting as we began the steep descent to our destina-

tion. The track zigzags down the mountain in a series of long gradients. The train passes many tiny villages and vineyards clinging to the the mountain side. At times the lake disappears from view before stunningly revealing itself again for another magnifint glimpse. From these From

nadan heights you can truly ap-preciate the grandeur of Lake Geneva. Montreux is, by far the biggest city vou can see clearly. Lau sanne can be seen in the distance, but Geneva, at the other end of the lake, is hidden behind the mountains.

Montreux is startlingly different from Luzern, where I had started my journey, as it features architecture, French Hench architecture, which is less stark than the German style. A lovely esplanade abuts Lake Geneva and the views here are splendid, particularly of the snow-covered massifs on the French side of the lake. The cog railway up to Rochers-de-Naye, was

cades of his life In 1952 Chaplin was banned from returning to the United States, where he lived, because he was considered to be a com-munist. So, he bought Manoir de Ban in the hills about Vevey and settled down with his fourth and

Swiss

closed due to track main-

enance. So I used my Swiss Travel Pass and

caught the train to the nearby town of Vevey, then hopped on a local

bus for the journey up the hill to visit Chaplin's

World, the mansion in

which Charles Chaplin spent the last two of de-

last, wife Oona. He was very fecund, siring eight children over the next eighteen years. Chaplin's World is divided into two distinct attractions. One is the fam-ily home, which is very interesting and explores both his professional and family life. The home is brought to life with many life-size wax models of Chaplin, his family and friends, which Albert Einstein. which included

The second is a film studio which recreates many of the scenes from his popular movies and encourages visitors to don costumes or hold props to participate in many of the scenes. I enjoyed the comedy of Chaplin, and his contemporaries such as Laurel and Hardy, Harold Lloyd and Buster Keaton who are also featured.

Returning to Vevey I boarded the Lake Geneva paddle steamer for a relaxing trip back to Montreux.

Next morning I was on an early train to the town

of Brig, one hour and 45 minutes away. At Brig, our group boarded the Glacier Ex-press, the slowest ex-press, the slowest express train in the world. What's more, we were privileged to experience the brand new Extrava-gance Class just prior to it being introduced for the first time. This carriage has guaranteed window seats, WiFi, audio guide, booklet, lunch and wines included, plus its own

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Brig. After leaving Brig, we noticed a dramatic change of scenery as the train began to climb to above the snow line. The train crosses the river Rhone a few minutes after departure and continues its way east into the Upper Rhone valley. It passes through 91 tunnels and crosses 291 bridges on the complete trip. The Oberalp Pass and the 400-metre deep Rhine Gorge are just a few of the many highlights of this route.

The panoramic car gave great views of both sides and above the train. The scenery was amaz-ingly picturesque, almost overwhelmingly brilliant.

The Oberalp Pass, at 2,033 metres, is the highest point on the route of the Glacier Express. To the south is Lake Toma (2.345 metres), the source of the River Rhine. Even at this height mountains towered over us on both sides of the train. Deep snow was banked up beside the tracks. Often, we would be traversing a steep slope with the train travelling inside a sloping

open-sided structure designed to protect us from avalanches.

The Oberalo Pass railway station is at the base of the Oberalp ski area. The station is owned and run by the Matterhorn Gotthard railway, which runs additional narrow gauge trains throughout the mountains to popular ski areas.

As we began to descend to our final des-tination, Switzerland's oldest town. Chur. we gradually dropped down below the snow line into the dramatic Rhine River Gorge.

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## Fishing in the rivers - it's time to take a holistic view and throw your fish back



ome years since I've kept a fish from the Swan

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#### by Mike Roennfeldt

YOU only have to read national fishing magazines or watch eastern states based fishing videos to realise the range of fishing opportunities available on this side of the country is rather limited in comparison.

We can only envy the fresh-water opportunities over there. Apart from the geography that gives the eastern half a much greater number of water courses, lakes and dams, it seems like they have made better use

of what they have induce better use of what they have. The often-brilliant impound-ment fishing for native species such as Australian bass, Mur-ray cod, golden perch, silver perch and barramundi has come about because authori-ties responsible for a fair number of water impoundments have generally taken a holistic

view of the value of a water re-

source to the community. The one shining light over here in WA, in terms of creating an exciting new fishery, is Lake Kununurra. This magnificent 55km long waterway was stocked with barramundi a few years ago and reports indicate that the magical experience of catching a metre-plus barra is now a very real possibility for those trying their luck up there. But there are issues with the

marine side of things as well. Our shortage of mountains, rivers and estuaries also means we don't have much in the way of ecosystems that support the proliferation of inshore fish stocks

Don't get me wrong, we do have some spectacular pock-ets of fishing, but usually only for just limited periods during the year. The main reason our

quality of fishing looks okay is that we have a relatively small population enjoying the resource

So, if we want our recreation-al fishing to continue as a quality experience, we need care-ful management, not just from ourselves as the users. Happily, almost all of the 10 pe rcent of the fishermen who catch 90 per cent of the fish realise this. . Most of them did so 20 vears or more ago, but there are still a few dinosaurs who see a localised aggregation of fish as an opportunity to go over the top. Fishing for the future is pretty

much a commonsense thing. It doesn't mean you can't fish for a feed, but it does mean you shouldn't put undue pres-sure on finite stocks. The Swan River is a perfect example of a place that needs to be fished

conservatively. It provides quality fishing through most of the year, but the catches are rarely prolific. It's more a place that rewards those who understand the target species and chase them specifically.

I have no real problem with people keeping a mulloway or a couple of tailor from the Swan/ Canning but it's a different story with black bream, flathead and flounder. Fish like bream stay in the river, so their vulnerability to over-exploitation in the middle of suburbia is obvious.

of suburbia is obvious. Its been years since I kept a fish I've caught in the Swan/ Canning. Like many others, I've had a huge amount of enjoy-ment from the light tackle fish-ing to be had there in the spring and summer months and if for-going a delicious meal or two means that anisymeat can conmeans that enjoyment can continue, I'm happy to do my bit.

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Left to right; Station at Oberalp Pass and colourful gardens Vevey

Over many centuries the River Rhine has carved a path through the tough bedrock. The result is one of Switzerland's most impressive natural spec-tacles. The landscape looked very dramatic as the Rhine River carved its way deep into the white rocks, accentuated by the wild waters tumbling ag-emprime below. gressively below.

This ravine soon widened into a wide, valley that was dotted with pretty farmhouses and fields with clusters of small villages welcoming us back to civilisation

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