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ROOM WITH A VIEW

Apartment life really can be home away from home, writes **Cara Jenkin**

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THERE AREN'T MANY hotel rooms which are so nice I would want to move in. Most are basic and lacking in warmth, windows and amenities. So it's always nice to return home.

But it didn't take long during my stay at the new Quest apartments at Mawson Lakes to have me thinking "I could live here".

The serviced apartments aim to be a home away from home for a few days for business or pleasure travellers, who don't want to be stuck in the city.

And my two bedroom apartment certainly left me wanting for nothing during the stay.

The complex was opened in October and, during

my recent stay, was still new enough to provide a half-price grand opening special discount on the accommodation rate and a complimentary bottle of chardonnay for its first guests.

I splashed the wine into one of the six wine glasses in the kitchen cupboard, where I also spotted six champagne glasses - an example of the attention to detail in offering everything anyone needs.

The full-size fridge, dishwasher, microwave and oven makes cooking a breeze but, if you prefer, there is the option to dine at one of the local cafes down the street and charge the meal to the room.

The huge LCD TV in the lounge was quickly turned on to Foxtel before I realised the master bedroom had its own LCD TV on the wall. It was strategically placed to allow the weary traveller to fall on to the king sized bed's soft and smooth bedspread, or slip snugly between the sheets and catch the end

of the Saturday night movie. The second bedroom doesn't have the TV but does have the soft king bed, which could be split into two singles. There were two bathrooms, one communal and one ensuite for the master bedroom. The décor was modern, with soft lighting, whisper thin curtains, red cushions and matching artwork on the walls.

If I had the motivation during my stay, I would have worked out in the gym on the ground floor.

If the weather had been better, I could have had a barbecue on the large patio.

But it was just as relaxing to sit on the sofa and look out the windows across the Adelaide foothills, where the evening lights provided a spectacular sight to while the night away.

Accommodation reviews are unannounced and paid for by SA Weekend.

THE VERDICT

Accommodation 66 studio, one, two and three bedroom apartments, all with king beds which can be split into single beds, plus optional sofa beds
facilities car parking, reception, gym and conference centre, patio with barbecue, kitchen, baby-sitting.
Price studio \$215 per night; one bedroom \$240; two bedroom, \$370; three bedroom, \$495

Rating **** 1/2

BRAINWAVE SOLUTIONS 1 1869 2 Makybe Diva 3 Zinc 4 Julia Gillard 5 Living or growing on or among rocks 6 Exposure to sunlight 7 Houston Astrodome 8 Yes 9 Salvation Army 10 Italy 11 Someone who is made to bear the blame for others or to suffer in their place 12 Icarus 13 St Andrew 14 The Simpsons 15 Magarey Medal 16 A citrus-based sauce, light yellow in colour 17 Trois 18 Revenge 19 Rome 20 Placido Domingo 21 John Milton 22 South America 23 Ian Baker-Finch 24 101 25 Indian 26 A freeway 27 James Cameron 28 Suva 29 Trees 30 China 31 Currie St 32 Capricorn 33 Two 34 Seafood and meat 35 Two 36 Seven 37 Ita Buttrose 38 49 39 A hard sweet or candy 40 Circus Oz 41 Norwegian 42 Cape York 43 Paul Grabowsky 44 Zambezi 45 Brittany Murphy 46 Bean 47 Imagine 48 A miser; one who is very reluctant to spend money; a mean, stingy person 49 Mikhail Gorbachev 50. Zeus.

AUSTRALIA DAY QUIZ ANSWERS 1 Adelaide 2 Kylie Mole in *The Comedy Company* 3 An unfashionable working-class person, a term popularised by the person in question 4 "...you're not having a drink". Clayton's tonic 5 Paul Keating, 1991 6 Q1 at the Gold Coast, 323m 7 "When gallant Cook from Albion sail'd, To race the wide oceans oe'r..." 8 Winfield cigarettes; Coca-Cola soft drink; Tip Top bread; Cadbury chocolates; Huggies disposable nappies 9 A person who can't see the obvious 10 Jonah and Ja'mie in *Summer Heights High* 11 Call girls - prostitutes ordered by telephone 12 37 13 A bride's nightie; his own funeral; a rat with a gold tooth; a Pommy's bath towel; a fat lady's gumbot 14 Italian (354,000 speak at home), Greek (264,000), Cantonese (225,000), and Arabic (209,000) 15 Opal, Golden Wattle and spaghetti Bolognese (dish most cooked at home and ordered when out) 16 79 for boys and 84 for girls. Aboriginal boys 60 and girls 65 17 236,000 and 96,000 18 The wine cask; the notepad; the Hills Hoist 19 South Australia 20 Canberra 21 Anthony Pratt, 51 (inherited \$4.3 billion); Frank Lowy, 80 (\$4.2 billion) and Harry Triguboff, 78 (\$3.7 billion) 22 "Are you awake, love?" 23 42 per cent 24 Australian star of box office smash hit *Avatar* 25 53.1C at Cloncurry, Queensland, 1889 26 Perth.

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