



because the Calthorpes bought quality furnishings and appliances and never threw anything out, the house has become something of a time capsule of the city's early history.

Typical of a senior public servant's home of that time, the house is set in a lovely big garden complete with air raid shelter. The Calthorpes lived in the house until its acquisition by the ACT Government in the late 1980s, and it is perfectly preserved down to their clothes in the wardrobes and the household bills in the pantry.

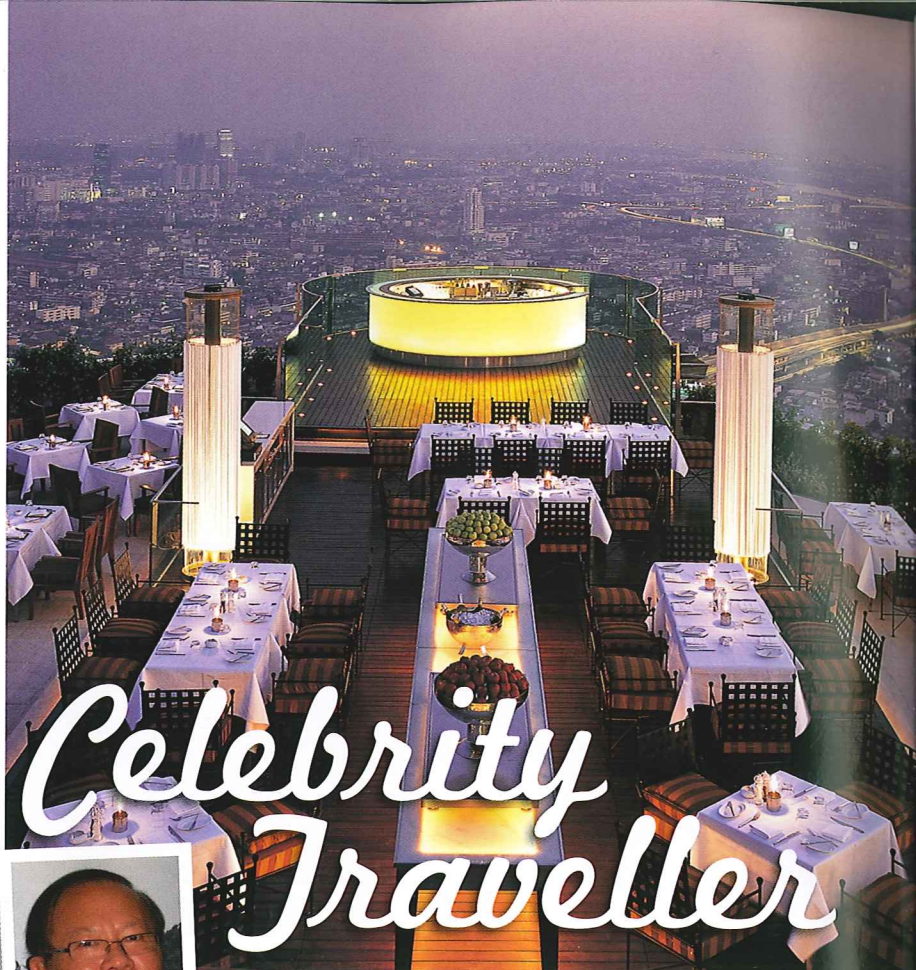
On the outskirts of Canberra there are more reminders of the region's heritage. Just off Tharwa Drive, south of the city, Lanyon is an 1860s homestead set in beautiful grounds with a collection of outbuildings, some of them convict built.

On the northern outskirts, Gold Creek Village is centred around an old sheep station. Some of the historic buildings, including an 1883 schoolhouse, are now the nucleus of a visitor precinct, housing shops, galleries and restaurants. •

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ABOVE: Blundells Cottage.



Celebrity Traveller



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Your first holiday?

The first time I went away from home was when I was in high school. Since then travelling has been in my blood.

Best holiday?

A one-week cruise on the Star Flyer (sailing ship) from Phuket via stunning islands in the Andaman Sea to Singapore.

Do you travel often?

I travel quite often both for business and leisure.

Favourite Australian holiday destination?

Fraser Island – it's beautiful.

Favourite overseas destination?

Berlin. It's just the most amazing, sophisticated city.

Best hotel/resort?

Hansar Samui – a brand new resort on Koh Samui in Thailand.

Ultimate 'I wish' destination?

Spending at least one whole week at Elephant Hills Rainforest Camp on Cheow Larn Lake in Khao Sok National Park, southern Thailand.

Best view in the world?

Sipping cocktails and watching the sunset at Sky Bar on the 63rd floor of The Dome at State Tower in Bangkok.

Worst travel experience?

Someone snatched my carry bag while I was waiting for a train in Amsterdam – it was a shock!

Best travel tip?

Be well prepared and gain some knowledge of your destination and always travel light.

Beach lounge lizard, culture vulture or adventurer?

I enjoy different cultures and I am ready for any adventure.

Personal travel philosophy?

Travel with open eyes and open mind – be broadminded. •

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ABOVE: Sky Bar at Tower Club at Lebua, Bangkok.