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FOCUS ON ... online helpers Pt II

A recent column stirred so much interest in online helper sites that we've decided to give you some more

LONG TERM PARKING

www.andrewsairportpark.com.au

In 1997, Andrew Shanahan opened his airport parking business without a single customer?

He took the punt on some great preparation and didn't take long to charge his great service to the front of the pack as a market leader.

Simply make a booking online, drive to Andrew's Airport Parking, be shuttled to the airport and rest assured your vehicle is in good hands while you enjoy your holiday.

TRAVEL HELPERS

www.travellerspoint.com/helpersearch.cfm

TRAVELLERS Point is a giant of a travel resource in cyberspace and its "helpers" section suggests there are many reasons why it should be bookmarked. Website members have

volunteered to help others plan their trip and cover more than 100 countries. There are excellent forums for chit-chat on all things travel, a photography page, destination guides and a great blogs area.

TALKING IT UP

www.holidaycity.com

ONLINE accommodation service HolidayCity has made online room reservations an even more personable experience and a cinch with the introduction of an "Online Chat" facility at the left of the page.

Click on the online chat icon found at the left of the page and contact customer service.

Ask questions on topics such as rates, availability, cancellations, amendments to existing reservations, queries on hotel facilities, booking status or find out everything you need to know about making an online reservation at a hotel. Online chat is available on each hotel info page. HotelCity offers more than 7000 hotels about 400 destinations worldwide.

CURRENCY CONVERTER

www.xe.com/ucc

THIS Universal currency converter is

the ultimate resource for travellers wanting to find their Australian dollar equivalent in yen, US dollars, English pound, euro, rand or francs, plus more.

POST YOUR PICS

www.traveleor.com

LOOKING for an online site to post travel happy snaps for family and friends to see? Traveleor.com is one to consider and is easy to use — most

importantly, it is free. The site promises unlimited storage space to post your photos, blogs and links. Simply view photos automatically as a slideshow, manage your message board and plot your travels on your own interactive map for others to see.

LINGO TRANSLATOR

<http://babelfish.altavista.com>

THIS is perfect for travellers wanting to learn some of the lingo they are about to encounter in a foreign country.

The BabelFish translation search engine won't give you everything, but most common phrases and important words that may come in handy. There are translations for French, Italian, Dutch, Chinese, German, Greek, Spanish, Portuguese and Korean.