

• GOING OVERSEAS

Travel bug bites more Australians

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More Aussies want to travel overseas than ever before – with one in 10 planning to break out the passport in the next 12 months.

But the number of Aussies willing to holiday in their own backyard had dropped to its lowest number in five years, a Roy Morgan Research poll found.

This comes at a tough time for disaster-stricken Queensland operators desperate to lure neighbouring states to holiday here.

Results also showed the proposed carbon tax could keep us at home, with less Aussies likely to travel if the cost of living rises.

The survey results worry Queensland Tourism Industry Council CEO Daniel Gschwind.

"I'm surprised it's already

having an impact on people's decisions to travel, we are certainly concerned it may have a detrimental impact on domestic tourism," Gschwind said.

He agreed there had been stagnant demand for domestic holidays over the past few years.

"For the first time a couple of years ago we saw more Australians travelling offshore than the number of international visitors coming here."

As domestic tourism operators step up their advertising, NZ operators – buoyed by the cheap Kiwi dollar – are targeting Aussies for cheap skiing.

But Flight Centre general manager of marketing Colin Bowman said it's simpler to

here. "It's far more convenient to go to Falls Creek or Mount Buller than it is to hop on a plane and go to Queenstown," he said.

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Get stuck into some green jam with Tam

Jazz singer Tamara O'Callaghan is lending her sweet sounds to free music series Green Jam. Lounge singers will perform on the next two Fridays at Melbourne Street Green in QPAC from 5pm. For details go to: www.qpac.com.au.

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• RISK INCREASE

TB hiding in bongos

Bong use has been linked to spread of tuberculosis.

Researchers from the Calvary Mater Hospital in NSW found people who used bongos, waterpipes, to smoke marijuana were six times more likely to have TB than those who didn't.

The link was made after the young Aussies, who were also heavy marijuana users, were diagnosed with TB.

Dr Michael Hayes said some cases of TB were misdiagnosed as a persistent cough.

• SPORT SOARING

Rugby union packs 'em in

Since the Rugby World Cup 2007, global participation in the sport has grown by 19 per cent, it has been revealed.

Rugby is now played by five million people in 117 countries.

The research by MasterCard found rugby participation has grown by 18 per cent in Asia, 33 per cent in Africa and 22 per cent in South America.

And alongside the western European powerhouses, rugby playing nations in eastern Europe have also emerged.

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