



HAPPY CHRISTMAS 2008, EVERYBODY!



I guess a few of you have felt that Bruce and I have dropped off the face of the earth, well not quite, but we have been lying low, travelling and playing at being retired people.

We bought a 32 foot Winnebago Nullabor Motor Home in February this year and set off in June for a trip north to see the Outback and all regions east and west.

Lindy and her two children, Luke and Keeley, moved in here to look after the Stud whilst we were away. We went with friends of 35 years, Pat and Paul Levick who have been going off in their motor home for the winter for the last 6 years.

Travelling north to the Gold Coast where we caught up with Fay Ross and then onto Toowoomba, Roma, Charleville, Longreach, Mt Isa and through to Tennant Creek. Then on to Katherine, Kununurra, Turkey Creek, Halls Creek, Fitzroy Crossing and travelled on to Broome where we stayed for 3 Weeks. The Kimberley Region was most impressive.

We left there travelling back the same way and onto Darwin where we stayed another 3 weeks. Bruce and I visited the Kakadu National Park before headed South again to Alice Springs, Coober Pedy port Augusta and on to port Lincoln where we had lovely stay with Vicky and Chris Lawrie. We travelled as far as Ceduna and then turned our heads for home. Through the Flinders Ranges and on through Broken Hill to Mildura, Wagga, Gundagai, Robertson and home to good old Marena Stud. We had been away just on 6 months, and were amazed how Luke and Keeley had grown.

All our grandchildren are growing up. Brad's family; Cody is now 17, driving his own car and has been elected Vice Captain of Wyong High, Erin is 13 and is making a name for herself with a lovely singing voice, Lachlan has just turned 7 and is a happy active child thoroughly enjoying himself.

Peter is still working all over the place on power stations, this year he has worked in Thailand, Singapore and Gove. He is home at present for a few weeks well earned break.

Lindy has been carrying on the business of the Stud, teaching riding and she and her pupils have been doing very well at the shows.

Best Wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, we may not talk often but we often think of you and count ourselves lucky to know you.

All our Love,
Maureen, Bruce and Lindy

