

Dear Family and Friends,

2022 is fast drawing to a close with only a little over a week left before we display the new calendar. We have enjoyed an interesting year with challenges, places to see, things to do, some sadness but also many joys along the way.



January 1 commenced enjoying time with 2 of our daughters' families (Hoschkes & van Egmonds) in the Kempsey area. Then we travelled to Victoria where we spent a lovely relaxing time at the beach in Port Fairy with family (van Egmonds).

February meant that we were back, busily engaged in our volunteer work with Kevin running Zoom Bible seminars throughout the week. Glenda was working at the The Incredible Journey Office sending out the free booklet requests on Mondays and marking online Bible studies through the week. These responsibilities have continued through the year.

As Kevin has had the responsibility this year of being the Residents' Committee chairperson, he has been busy with many responsibilities associated with that. We are also both involved in our local church and its activities, so that has kept us out of mischief too!

The WCTU National convention was planned for the later part of March so there was lots to organise in the weeks before to be ready for that event, especially as COVID restrictions were only just starting to be relaxed in South Australia.

That meant that in March we spent a week travelling to South Australia, visiting relatives and friends enroute and enjoying the trip through Snowy River country, southern Victoria and up the south-eastern coast off SA and the Coorong areas to Adelaide. We



enjoyed a very full 3 days of meetings and then travelled quickly back home again.

Midway through April, we attended our North NSW Conference annual camp meeting and really enjoyed our time there and the good speakers. However, many people were contracting COVID at the time so our camping came to an abrupt end when Kevin tested positive for COVID two days before the conclusion. So we returned home and then in the next few days most of the rest of family also came down with it as well. However, we were fortunate to not have too bad a dose and quickly recovered. We were able to use the time in isolation to catch up with completing balance sheets for the March EOFY for WCTU and finalising the reports from the convention to go online.

May was a quieter month as we got back into gear but we also enjoyed a small family celebration for Elma's (Glenda's Mum) 102nd birthday.



We really had our running shoes on in June with lots of appointments and activities as well as planning for our trip to North Queensland in July. One special event was enjoying an evening in Sydney at the Vivid light show with an overnight stay in a motel there with a number of our friends.



We had purchased a caravan, so in July we headed north, enjoying our grandson's 18th birthday in Kempsey,

spending time with family along the way in Brisbane and Hervey Bay and exploring the eastern seaboard as we made our way to Port Douglas. There we were able to spend some time with our extra family members, Rose and her twins, before venturing further north to Cooktown. After exploring a little of the area



there, we returned down the inland road through the Atherton Tablelands and on through to Carnarvon Gorge where we enjoyed a lovely weekend relaxing and bush-walking and enjoying the majestic scenery. We arrived home at the end of July after a very happy time away and many kilometres travelled.

We experienced the sadness of Kevin's cousin, Leon Roberts passing away in August. Then at the end of the month we had the blessing of being honoured from our graduating year (1972) for the Avondale University Homecoming. It was most unexpected and very humbling so we thank God for all the blessings we have received over the years since graduating. It was great to catch up with many friends from our years of study.

September was also well occupied as Glenda was one of the organisers for a 4 day conference called "Veterans of the Cross", honouring retired pastors and spouses and giving time for renewing friendships made over the years as well as attending some great seminars. So the month was spent in total organisational mode and she was quite ready for some down time after it finished.

Glenda's mother, Elma suffered a downturn in health at the beginning of October and we realised that her time with us was limited. So Glenda spent the next few weeks staying at the nursing home with her overnight and attending to some of her needs. Through the day Glenda's brother - Raymond, niece - Janine and her shared precious time with Mum. They enjoyed the time spent reminiscing together along with other family



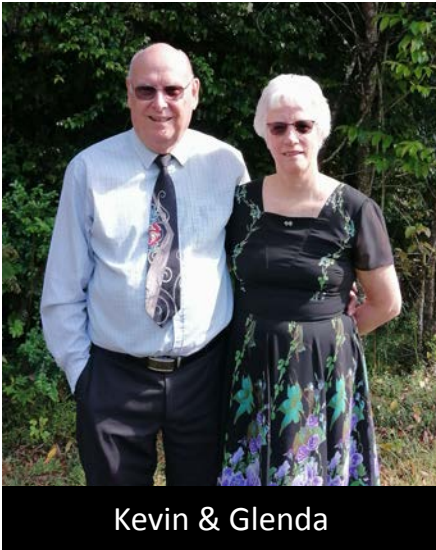
Hoschkes, van Edmonds and Joy with us at Mum's funeral)

members who were able to call in and visit, but as the month drew to a close, so did Mum's life until she passed away peacefully in the afternoon of October 28.

Because arrangements had to be made for family to attend, the next couple of weeks were busy preparing things for the funeral and Mum's memorial service was

held on November 14. It was lovely having some of the family staying over

that time and was lovely to honour and celebrate Elma's long and happy life. Things seemed quite empty when the family all left. We also enjoyed being able to catch up on ZOOM with those family members who could not attend and enjoyed sharing our memories together. November and December quickly came and went as normal routines were re-established and activities relating to the end of the year all took place.



Kevin & Glenda

A special time in December was the weekend of the 17th when we went away to Old Bar for the weekend to celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary. Our family from Kempsey also came down for the day as it was also our eldest daughter - Andrea's 48th birthday and we met up on ZOOM with other family members too. So the joys and memories of the years that have passed have brought our year nearly to the end.

We hope that each of you will have enjoyed a blessed year and that even though there have been challenges we hope that you have enjoyed the happiness that comes from the love of friends and family. We wish you all a safe and happy Christmas season and all the best for 2023!

With our love and blessings,

Glenda and Kevin



Hoschke family (Andrea)



Malcolm & Irene



McDonald family (Orelle)



van Egmond family (Sheralyn)