

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



From Peter,
Linda & Nick

As a family we want to wish you and your Family God's Blessing as we enter the Christmas season and prepare for the New Year. 2012 year has been a busy year for us three as we reflect on the past year with its many Blessings. We have enjoyed: continuing to run our [ASD Group](#) of businesses; being part of [Catalyst Church](#) where we have appreciated our contact with Church members and those within our [Disability Community Awareness](#); plus our Network Business.

Jan / Feb 12: We started 2012 working through till our [Network Business Summer Leadership Conference](#) and [TACS](#) busy time for valentine's day. We then took a break at our hideaway in Toowong, returning on Sunday 26th February for the [Ipswich City Council](#) and [Catalyst Church Ordinary Heroes Awards](#).

March 12: Began with Linda flying to Sydney with the Ladies from [Catalyst Church](#) to attend the [2012 Hillsong Colour Conference](#) at Darling Harbour. Upon Linda's return we had to make some interesting decisions regarding our [Disability Community Awareness](#) as Peter had been offered a two days a week paid contract with [QDN \(Queenslanders with Disability Network\)](#) Brisbane, for three months.

April 12: After considering our options for a few weeks, while attending our Network Business Leadership weekend, we decided that Peter would accepted the two day a week contract with [QDN \(Queenslanders with Disability Network\)](#) in Brisbane. Within a week of starting in Brisbane Peter was asked to attend the [NDIS Every Australian Counts](#) Brisbane "Make It Real" Rally.

May 12: The amount of awareness raised from the above Rally, encouraged us through our volunteer role as QDN Ipswich Regional Facilitators, to hold a morning tea in Ipswich with the funds that we raised locally. Through our contacts with [Ipswich City Council](#) and the support of QDN, we hosted a round table discussion entitled "Getting the Region NDIS Ready". These discussions led into local media awareness, radio interviews, plus our Federal Member mentioning our achievements in Parliament.

July 12: Following our [Network Business Leadership Conference](#) on the Gold Coast, we returned home to attend the [A2A](#) conference which is the broader church grouping that [Catalyst Church](#) is a part. Peter's [ASD IT](#) Business is responsible for all the computers and email web hosting through remote support.

Aug 12: Although Peter completed his Brisbane contract with QDN, we continued in our role as the volunteer Ipswich Regional Facilitators with [QDN \(Queenslanders with Disability Network\)](#), in order that - with their support plus [Ipswich City Council](#), State and Federal Members of Parliament - we continued to raise [Disability Community Awareness](#).

Sept 12: Saw us celebrate our 3rd anniversary as a married couple by dinning out at The [Summit Restaurant](#) located at Mt Coot-tha Lookout. The following week saw us like last year involved with Ipswich Disability Action Week through our involvement with the Local Community.

Oct 12: Started with us both taking holidays: starting in Toowoomba where we again attended the Willow Creek Global Leadership Summit; then back to Brisbane to attend the NDS Qld Communities of Practice Conference; speaking at the Ipswich Carers week; and the Blair DisabiliTEA; before heading to Melbourne to attend IDA Network Business Leadership Conference. After this Melbourne Conference we drove to Bendigo (Bendimo) where we spent just under a week with Linda's parents Peter and Rita.

Nov / Dec 12: Recognition of our [Disability Community Awareness](#) by Federal Parliament and Breakfast PM, Julia Gillard. With our [Disability Community Awareness](#) we assisted in the promoting of [International Day of Disability](#) within the Ipswich / Blair Community with the support of local councillors and members of parliament. Christmas this year will be a quiet one, at home, for us and Nick with Peter's parents.

Until Dec 2013, we would like to wish you a Blessed Christmas and prosperous New Year. We look forward to the next time we catch up with you.

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