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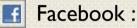
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'LET US NOT LOVE WITH WORDS OR TONGUE BUT WITH ACTIONS AND IN TRUTH' - 1 JOHN 3:18



- Beckwith's Big Adventure
- Wish Pom Pom
- MAE Maraaba
- MAF Mareeba



# Ten Years in Australia

August 31st marked 5 years since we became Australian citizens and October will mark a decade of living in Australia! The throwback family photo (above) was taken at Emerald Creek Ice Creamery not long after we first arrived here ... how the years have flown by since then! Who knew that ten years later Abi would be working there on weekends and school holidays?! Since we were last in touch, we have all been ticking along with the normal commitments; school, work, markets & church. Naomi had fun competing in the NQ Games, the gymnastics element was held in Mareeba. It was a huge event for the club and ran over 3 days, Jenny helped out for some of the weekend too. Unfortunately the following month Naomi broke her arm again (it was pretty wonky this time!), so that has involved lots

of trips up and down to Cairns to see the Orthopaedic specialists. In the last school holidays we only managed to fit in a fun day out in Cairns but this next holidays we're looking forward to getting away for a few days to just stop and chill out together in Port Douglas. Much needed, especially as we head into the busiest time of the year, with the final term of the school year & extra Christmas markets.



NAOMI GOT TO COMPETE IN THE NQ GAMES



MULTI-ENGINE PILOT TRAINING AIRCRAFT



A FAMILY DAY OUT IN CAIRNS

Youth continues to go well, with a core group that come regularly. Our most recent activity included boats/kayaks/paddle boards out on Lake Tinaroo which was really fun! All four of us are enjoying being part of it together.

Jenny still loves her job supporting our Pastor and the leadership team with all things admin. Unfortunately with the increased cost of living, she has also started applying for an extra/alternative job to cover the shortfall of a mission wage. There are currently a few possibilities in the running but they all come with pros and cons, so watch this space and pray for wisdom as we make decisions as a family.

SOME 2024 BECKWITH STATS: 15 YEARS WITH MAF 10 YEARS IN MAREEBA 5 YEARS AS AUSSIES

#### Praise

- That Mark had the opportunity to get out of the office and on to the hangar floor to help out
- For the chance to get some time away as a family to unwind
- That we continue to have a presence within our regions market communities

#### Prayer

- Wisdom when considering new job opportunities for Jenny
- For Naomi as she works out what life after gymnastics is like
- For Abigail as she starts learning to drive - you can start at 16 here

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#### MARK

THE AVIONICS UPGRADE ON OUR NEWLY PURCHASED TWIN AIRCRAFT (SEE PIC PI) WENT REALLY WELL. I WAS INVOLVED IN FABRICATING MOUNTING FOR THE REMOTELY MOUNTED UNITS AND DESIGNED/ ASSEMBLED/FITTED A NEW INSTRUMENT PANEL. UNFORTUNATELY, AFTER ONLY 2.5 FLIGHT HOURS, THE AIRCRAFT WAS BACK IN THE HANGAR WITH A CRACK IN THE LEADING EDGE OF ONE OF THE PROPS. IT IS BEING OVERHAULED SO IT CAN FLY AGAIN.

### JENNY

I'M STILL NOT BACK TO NORMAL SINCE BEING UNWELL EARLIER IN THE YEAR. I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT I COMMIT TO AND WHERE I USE MY ENERGY WITH RANDOM ACHES AND PAINS FLARING UP ALL THE TIME. WISH POM POM IS CONTINUING TO GROW AND I'M ENJOYING THE BEHIND THE SCENES PART OF MAKING IT WORK, AS MUCH AS DESIGNING AND MAKING THE GOODIES. THIS PIC IS WITH SOME SMALL BUSINESS MARKET BUDDIES!





## ABIGAIL

WORK AT THE ICE CREAMERY CONTINUES TO BE GOOD. I ALWAYS LOVE THE RODEO WEEKEND IN MAREEBA AND MY JEWELLERY-MAKING WON ME FIRST PRIZE FOR A NECKLACE & EARRING SET AT THE RODEO AGRICULTURAL SHOW WHICH WAS GREAT. I'VE JUST CHOSEN ALL MY SUBJECTS FOR MY FINAL TWO YEARS AT HIGH SCHOOL, SO LOOKING FORWARD TO THOSE AND I'VE ALSO JUST STARTED LEARNING TO DRIVE!

#### NAOMI

MY BIGGEST UPDATE SINCE LAST TIME IS THAT AFTER COMPETING IN A FEW COMPS, I BROKE MY ARM AGAIN AT GYMNASTICS TRAINING. SAME ARM, SAME PLACE, A DOUBLE BREAK. THIS TIME I GOT TO RIDE IN AN AMBULANCE! I'VE JUST GOT OUT OF THE CAST BUT IT'S ALL A BIT FRAGILE AND SORE RIGHT NOW. I HAVE ENJOYED THE TIME AWAY FROM TRAINING, SO HAVE MADE THE TOUGH DECISION TO FINISH GYM.

