



# Merry Christmas!

Hello! Well, all of our exciting news happened at the beginning of this year. In January we moved to our house at Mt Crosby (PO box 7153, Mt Crosby Qld 4306/Ph 07 3201 0423/email [elizabeth@meier.net.au](mailto:elizabeth@meier.net.au)). The house is six years old and sits on half a hectare of mostly steep bush. There is a large garden of native plants around the house. After doing lots of little jobs to get things right, the house and garden are at a stage where we can maintain them. Then on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February our little boy, Felix James, was born (there's more photos at [www.petermeier.com.au/felix](http://www.petermeier.com.au/felix)). He is very strong, healthy and active! We had a great baptism service for him and a family party afterwards in June.

In September we spent a few days bushwalking in Girraween National Park in the granite belt. Felix travelled in a backpack with a golf umbrella overhead and enjoyed the sights. However, we have to confess that we stayed at a B&B this time rather than in a tent!

What we've been doing...

Peter is still self-employed and working from home. He writes software (usually GIS, database or web-based) mainly for local government clients. He loves the flexibility of mixing work with time off with Felix, gardening, Tuesday morning rock climbing or taking a swim in the pool.

Elizabeth is starting to find a free hour of time each day for her PhD thesis when Felix is asleep. Officially she has interrupted her candidature for a year but is trying to do a little when she can. She hopes to submit next year (won't that be good!!!).

And Felix has been doing the commando crawl, blowing raspberries and making sounds. He has two teeth with more on the way. At the moment he is practicing hard pulling himself to his feet on anything handy. Since he now weighs over 11 kg, it will be nice when he can walk!



We'd like to wish you and your family peace at Christmas and a restful break before the new year!

Peter, Elizabeth and Felix ♥

