

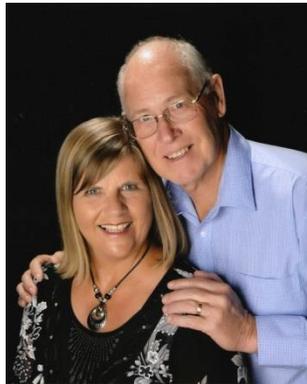
## Ross and Kathy Callaghan's 2014 Christmas Newsletter

Ross and Kathy Callaghan wish you a very Happy Christmas, and pray that you will have a safe and prosperous 2015.

We have had another great year and are very much enjoying our retirement here in Paraparaumu. Not that we act too much like retired people, though, with all the community activities we are involved in! Kathy still sings with the Kapiti Women's Choir and is on the committee for the Kapiti Genealogical Society, while Ross's back has improved a little so he could play more golf. (He got down to a 7 handicap and won the Club mid-week men's championship). Together we are now doing even more for older people in our community through our sing-alongs, soirees, travel programmes and movie afternoons, and of course, through our many church inputs. Fortunately we have both kept fit and healthy with lots of time for reading and for plenty of exercise. (Kathy has discovered the benefit of aqua-aerobics, and we both go to the gym and walk regularly). Outside, our house looks lovely at the moment with lots of spring flowers set against our beautiful lake. We are so grateful to God for all of His many blessings!

- **40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.**

This year was our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and we certainly celebrated it in style! We flew to America and spent time in California and Miami before going on a 2-week cruise around the Caribbean on the Carnival Glory. We visited Cozumel, Belize, Roatan, Grand Cayman, Half Moon Cay, Grand Turk, San Juan and St Martin. Just wonderful! The movie we made of this trip is on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8UGsWf7mkqI> Afterwards we had a few days in Washington DC and now have lots of fabulous memories after yet another wonderful overseas excursion.



*40 years on*

- **Family news**

**Debbie and Fraser** in Melbourne have also had a good year. JJ (8) and Heidi (6) are doing well at school; Luke (4) goes to kinder, and Dan (2) is growing rapidly. We had a lovely holiday with the Cunninghams in Port Stephens in March when we spent a couple of weeks in Australia, and visited them again in August to celebrate our wedding anniversary.

The big news for **Sarah and Michael** in Lower Hutt is that they now have a lovely new (very large!) deck on the back of their house, which has added a lot to their family lifestyle. We see the Stevens family regularly which is nice, especially as Blake (4) and Isla (nearly 2) are growing so rapidly.

**Phil** in Melbourne has had a tough year and has worked incredibly hard in managing his three jobs (selling his T shirts at shows; organizing T20 cricket for Melbourne and Tasmania, and working at the museum). We are so proud of Phil and the way that he has coped with many challenges this year.

So you can see that we have had yet another busy but fruitful year. We trust that you will have a wonderful Christmas and that you too will have a fruitful year in 2015. Next year we are looking forward to a visit from some of our Norwegian family, and to a holiday in Asia (including a 17 night cruise!). We keep our family website up to date so you can get lots more detail on our activities from

<http://callaghans.yolasite.com>



*Michael, Sarah, Isla and Blake*



*Phil and Sarah; Dan and Fraser; Debbie, JJ, Luke, Ross, Kathy and Heidi*

**Merry Christmas, and lots of love from Ross and Kathy Callaghan.**

