

**Thursday, 2 March 2023**

Dear Needlework Friend,

Some of you have heard our news and some of you may not have heard.

My apologies that I have not been in touch before now, but life since the 14<sup>th</sup> of February has not been easy due to our situation, plus I was in hospital until the 21<sup>st</sup> of February.

There are two images attached to this note.

The first is of the beautiful piece of needlework that Melissa stitched for me for my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and the second is of it today.

Due to the horrendous and devastating flood caused by Cyclone Gabrielle, our home and the Needlework Gallery were destroyed by the flood waters which rose above the ceilings of our 1896 home (almost to the top of the verandahs) and Keith and I barely escaped with our lives.

A few more details are on my Facebook page – Barberry Row and Heirlooms.

Melissa and her husband, Ross (who live just down the road from us) have also lost everything – home & business (Whitfield Transport).

They have managed to salvage what they can from their property but, two weeks later, we still cannot get to our home as it is still surrounded by brown muddy water and stinking muddy sludge – almost up to knee height.

One day Ross managed to get to the house on a digger, taking Melissa with him and they managed to salvage just a few precious items – only what they could load onto the digger – the sampler pictured being one of those items. Since this day, there has been rain, rain and more rain with perhaps a couple of fine days in between.

In time I will share more news. Everything a bit too overwhelming at the moment.

However, I must thank you – everyone - who has heard of our plight and have written such caring, loving, concerned messages.

They have been so uplifting, so appreciated, and so humbling. Truly beautiful.

And for all those of you who have cooked meals, baked delicious goodies and gifted items that you knew we would need – our sincerest thanks. You have been so generous.

So many of you, I cannot thank you all personally, but be assured we are so very, very, grateful. May God bless you all in return.

Also, so many of you have asked “How can we help?”. This is and has been difficult to answer, but after much thought and deliberation (as do not like asking) the conclusion is that as we have lost everything (even the clothes we were wearing when rescued as they had to be cut off us to save our lives), we need to re-establish ourselves, therefore, a small gift voucher to be redeemed at any of the following locations would be wonderful - New World, Farmers, Mitre 10 or Briscoes. Please, please, though do not feel under any obligation to send a gift. Your prayers for strength to face each day what needs to be done are the most important. We are only thinking of one day at a time at the moment,

Love to you all. Each one of you are very special.

Your Needlework Friend,

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