



*Season's Greetings  
from the Crofts*

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Dear

**HAPPY 2003**

Surprise, surprise - and our sincere apologies for not corresponding, thank you for your cards and good wishes, and at long last a letter from the Crofts. What a hectic couple of years we have had, a lot of it taken up with looking after grandchildren.

John's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday was on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2001 (photo enclosed) and the old boy is now 72. On both occasions our youngest son; Robert (38) made the trip from Maryland USA for his Dads Birthday, spending 4 weeks in 2001 and 5 weeks this time. He returned home today (Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Feb) flying United to San Francisco, then direct to B.W.I Airport (Baltimore).

His elder brother John (44) has a beautiful boat and has taken him fishing on several occasions on both Westernport and Port Phillip Bays, staying at John's holiday house close to the beach at Blairgowrie. Robert had a day at the cricket (test match between Australia and Sri Lanka) a day at the Australia Tennis Open and also entertained at various houses by friends and relations.

Robert has lived in the US since 1989 with his lovely wife Paula, they have three beautiful children, Chelsea (10) Madeline (8) and James (6). We do miss them, maybe one day they will decide to come and live here in Melbourne - which would be wonderful.

John Jnr. is still busy in his catering supplies business. He and wife Lynne lead very active lives. John's two daughters have grown into lovely young ladies, Danielle is now 15 and Melissa 13.

Suzanne (42) and husband Ross ventured out and opened a 2<sup>nd</sup> carpet shop and are kept busy running these two successful business's. Not long after opening the new shop they were so very fortunate to have a little girl of six years of age come into their lives, Paige has just had her 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday. There is joy all round and it is as if she has been around forever.

Unfortunately in the years of 2001 and 2002, our youngest daughter Jeanette (40) and husband Michael, have been dealing with some issues in their married life. She returned to Melbourne to live in our Canterbury house with their two sons, Ben (10) and Chris (9). This time has been difficult for all concerned. We hope they can work out a solution.

We are both well, John is in the chair of his lodge again. His year ends in August so then he wants to think about and plan another trip overseas but with all the terrorist attacks it is becoming unsafe to live in this world but where else can we go.

Once again thank you for not giving up on us, we hope to be back on track soon. If any of you are planning to come "Down Under" let us know, you will be most welcome to come and stay with us.

Please keep in touch.

Our computer is down and out, but in the next couple of months we plan to get a new one so as to once again send and receive e-mails. Our e-mail address is [johnandjoancroft@yahoo.com](mailto:johnandjoancroft@yahoo.com)

Love and best wishes