

# A SEASON OF CHANGE

“A season of change”.....this phrase resonates with us in many ways at the moment.

As the wider world grapples with ‘unprecedented changes’ in so many aspects of life, we do consider ourselves to be extremely fortunate to live and work where we do. The degree of change and disruption that COVID-19 has caused in our lives to date, is quite minimal compared to others. Furthermore, there has been some silver linings in it.....more time at home with our children returned from boarding school, an iCloud calendar that is pleasantly lacking detail and the emergence of some new hobbies for some of our family.

Nevertheless, there are still things we miss – the children miss seeing their friends, playing sports and all the usual face to face interactions.....we have missed hosting school and university groups who visit Wambiana and gain some insight into living and working in the bush....and of course,

we’ve all missed the variety of social interactions with friends and family, both in town and out bush, that add colour to our days and weeks.

As the season literally *changed* today (our first cold snap for the year, which typically arrives in early May) I recalled that this day, exactly one year ago, my husband and I arrived in New York. Over four days we barely scratched the surface of what this wonderful city had to offer before heading off to rural areas to commence

our study trip. It is hard to comprehend how much the city has suffered in the past few months and what a different place it would be today.

Not long ago we were enjoying seeing our eldest son attend his Year 12 formal and had a jam-packed weekend catching up with family and friends in Brisbane – just days before strict social distancing rules came in and gatherings of this nature were banned. So whilst there are disappointments in experiences that have been cancelled.... there is a lot to be grateful for in what has already been experienced.

The changes that nature brings each year - the end of the wet season, grass drying off, weather cooling down – and the resultant work that follows - calves to brand, cows to preg-test, waters to check – these give us some comfort that amongst the widespread global changes, some things never change. There is plenty of work that can be done, both inside and outside the house fence, (no isolation boredom here) and the ability to live close to nature, away from crowds, yet continue to run our business and educate our children... is truly a gift.

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