

Tuesday, 10 September 2013

I'm back after a wonderful trip, missing the worst of the Canberra winter and the worst of the election campaign. After a stumble in Paris we had a good time there and in Bruges followed by a generous and friendly welcome from Ian Barnes in London. Later we walked about 170 kilometres through the dales and moors of Yorkshire plus a bit of Hadrian's wall then a week in Boscastle, Cornwall with more walks along the coast. Lots of good beer and food, mainly good weather and we met many interesting people. We've arrived home to terrific weather here in Canberra and the garden is looking fantastic. Great to be home.

Now to business.

#### FREE CHAMPAGNE?

Yes, free champagne at the launch of the 'Un zeste de Telopea', a cookbook full of tasty recipes from both talented restaurant chefs and families of the Telopea community both past and present. It happens from 5.00 pm this Wednesday (11 September). See the attached poster. I'll be there and I hope some of you will join me.

#### 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

How many of you saw the big notice in the Canberra Times on Saturday announcing a guided tour of the school this Saturday (14 September) from 2.00 till 4.00 pm?

The school was officially opened on 11 September 1923. Come along and see inside the school, you mightn't get another chance for a while. If any out of towners need an extra incentive to come I can tell you that Floriade starts this weekend.

#### FOUNDERS' DAY (last week).

Last Wednesday I went along to help with the Founders' Day afternoon tea at the school. To be invited you had to qualify on two conditions - you had to have been an ex Telopea student and you had to be over 80. There was a really good attendance including someone who was 96. I had a lovely chat with Stan Bakker's mother Vesper. Photocopies of the attendance roll from 1923 onwards were on display and I found Phil Freeman's father on a list. I hope that these might be available again on Saturday. I took some photos which I will get up on the website very soon.

#### STAFF.

While I was away, Henry Kark worked his way through the six year books relating to our progressing year. He has cropped and sent 122 images of what the staff members looked like then. We (Jan Nelson and I) are experiencing some issues with the website <<http://www.telopea68.org/Staff.html>> but be patient and keep looking. More information on teachers (photos, stories, locations and email addresses) will be there ASAP. I have also received feedback from teachers after the last newsletter including this lovely portrait of Mrs Michalak taken during her acting days.

Mrs Michalak also sent me this brief summary from Erina, NSW:

After completing my service at Telopea Park I moved across the lake to Campbell High - also a pleasant appointment.

Then into the Schools Branch of The ACT Schools Authority.

At retirement age I returned to my early love, drama and performed in videos for the Department of Health and Aging, Federal and State, and in other projects such as Freedom of Information, English as a Second language, music videos, marketing commercial products and minor roles in local movies. (Hollywood hasn't called yet.)

At U3A I helped with courses in French, German and English language and literature.

At present I am devising trivia quest answers for my fellow nonagenarians. Best wishes to all.

Cathren Michalak

#### CANBERRA EMBASSY OPEN DAYS DURING FLORIADE.

Our beloved website guru, Jan Nelson, also looks after the EU Delegation website. She is their Communication Officer/ Press and Information. She thought some of you, especially Canberra residents, might be interested in these opportunities.

Windows to the World 2013: Embassy Open Days

The EU Delegation will open to the public on Saturday 28 September between 10.00 and 12.00. The general public are invited to tour the official meeting rooms where 24 European Union Member States represented in Canberra hold their regular meetings. They will also have the opportunity to view a series of information panels highlighting 50 years of diplomatic relations between the European Union and Australia.

Participating Embassies and High Commissions in Canberra will open their doors to the public during National Floriade as part of the Centenary of Canberra celebrations.

European Union member countries participating include:

\* France

<[http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more\\_info/events/cultural\\_events/20130921\\_windows\\_world\\_france\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more_info/events/cultural_events/20130921_windows_world_france_en.htm)> (21 September 9.30am to 12.00pm)

\* Sweden

<[http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more\\_info/events/cultural\\_events/20130921\\_windows\\_world\\_sweden\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more_info/events/cultural_events/20130921_windows_world_sweden_en.htm)> (21 September 11.00am to 3.00pm)

\* Ireland

<[http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more\\_info/events/cultural\\_events/20130922\\_windows\\_ireland\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more_info/events/cultural_events/20130922_windows_ireland_en.htm)> (22 September 11.00am to 2.00pm)

\* Belgium

<[http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more\\_info/events/cultural\\_events/20130928\\_windows\\_belgium\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more_info/events/cultural_events/20130928_windows_belgium_en.htm)> (28 September 10.00am to 3.00pm)

\* Spain

<[http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more\\_info/events/cultural\\_events/20130928\\_windows\\_spain\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more_info/events/cultural_events/20130928_windows_spain_en.htm)> (28 September 11.00am to 3.00pm)

\* European Union Delegation

<[http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more\\_info/events/cultural\\_events/20130928\\_windows\\_eudel\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more_info/events/cultural_events/20130928_windows_eudel_en.htm)> (28 September 10.00 to 12.00)

\* Finland

<[http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more\\_info/events/cultural\\_events/20130929\\_windows\\_finland\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more_info/events/cultural_events/20130929_windows_finland_en.htm)> (29 September 10.00am to 3.00pm)

\* Slovenia

<[http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more\\_info/events/cultural\\_events/20131005\\_windows\\_to\\_world\\_slovenia\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more_info/events/cultural_events/20131005_windows_to_world_slovenia_en.htm)> (5 October 10.00am to 1.00pm)

\* Greece

<[http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more\\_info/events/cultural\\_events/20131005\\_windows\\_greece\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more_info/events/cultural_events/20131005_windows_greece_en.htm)> (5 October)

\* Malta

<[http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more\\_info/events/cultural\\_events/20131006\\_windows\\_malta\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more_info/events/cultural_events/20131006_windows_malta_en.htm)> (6 October 10.30am to 12.30pm)

\* Hungary

<[http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more\\_info/events/cultural\\_events/20131013\\_windows\\_hungary\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more_info/events/cultural_events/20131013_windows_hungary_en.htm)> (13 October 10.00am to 2.00pm)

\* Netherlands

<[http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more\\_info/events/cultural\\_events/20131018\\_windows\\_world\\_netherlands\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/more_info/events/cultural_events/20131018_windows_world_netherlands_en.htm)> (18 October 10.00am to 4.00pm)

#### TRIVIA? NOSTALGIA?

While staying with Ian Barnes, Ian remembered how well TPHS performed in scholarships. He thought he had kept a clipping from the Canberra Times - somehow he found it at the National Library. Here it is. It says that 138 ACT students applied for 20 university scholarships. Seven of them went to Telopeans from our year. Note, it paid all compulsory fees plus a living allowance of \$200 per year. A dollar obviously went further back then. (Thanks Ian).

Ian has also found the programme, yes with two 'm's, from the Forrest Primary School Speech Night on 12 December 1962. Lots of familiar names - I'll mention one. Dux of the school? John Bouchier. There are 35 other names I recognise. Sadly, two (Derek Weise and Tom Harrington) are no longer with us. And four names are people who I have not been able to find - Eleanor Larmour, Fred Sly, Jillian Dook and Beverley Perkins. Has anyone got any leads for me on these people? Have a look, these pages are over 50 years old.

And finally .....

#### MELBOURNE GET TOGETHER.

Still on, still at Libby and Alan Hamilton's home in North Balwyn, still Sunday 10 November.

At the moment I have as "we would like to attend and we'll probably be there barring any unforeseen circumstances" or some variation of that:

Sue Cranston and David, Barry Ballard and Gwen, Valda (there is only one Valda) and Guy plus Jenny and I and Alan and Libby.

I think Ruth said on the phone that she and Ivan would come (correct?)

Who have I missed (blame jetlag)?

All welcome, still plenty of time to decide.

Till the next newsletter, best wishes,  
Brett

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