

## Newsletter #34 The Staff Issue – 6 November 2013

### Staff

After a massive effort by Steve Maitland, Henry Kark and Barry Ballard I can present the updated and improved Staff page <<http://www.telopea68.org/Staff.html>> on our website. Steve created a spreadsheet of 155 teachers from the yearbooks <<http://www.telopea68.org/news.html>> published while we were at school. He listed subjects taught and years at Telopea. Then Henry cropped and named 135 of these people. Finally Barry has uploaded the names and photos. We're still working on the subject and year information. There are bound to be errors - it was a long time ago. Was it Miss Cummins or Miss Cummings? Mrs Forsyth or Mrs Forsyth? Mrs Reddel or Mrs Reddel? Were there really three Thompsons and three Williams? We have 35 email addresses on the website. I know the location of these people and another 6. All corrections welcomed and any news or contact details too. Please. And recent photos and a brief (or not so brief) summary of what you have done since the 1960s.

**Nigel Murray-Harvey** - an update from his partner, Jennie

*Hi Brett,*

*Hope you are well. Nigel is usually the lawn mower in our family but since he has been unwell the lawn has 'been allowed' to grow and grow until the Old Telopean Lawn Mowing service visited us. Jack Taylor, ably supported by Peter Pollard's cheering, mowed our lawns for us one wet Sunday in July. The lawn has flourished since, as one would expect since Adelaide has experienced an unusually cold (not by Canberra standards) and wet winter, until the Old Telopean Lawn Mowing Service came to our rescue again in October, this time 'driven' by Peter Harris. Nigel has loved have his 'rowing boys' visit. They, like any other visitors, had to sit through THE SLIDE SHOW of the Naming Ceremony of the 'Nigel Murray-Harvey' Rowing 8 earlier this year.*

*Stan Bakker is sending a steady stream of video clips to cheer Nigel up and others send him emails. Our email address should you wish to send a message is [jenfent@hotmail.com](mailto:jenfent@hotmail.com).*

*Nigel is not very well at the moment. He has stopped chemo and now we are mainly aiming to control his pain and give him the quality of life he deserves. Thank you Old Telopeans for your continuing friendship and support, so very much appreciated by us both, Jennie Fenton (and Nigel Murray-Harvey)*

Because I didn't have a newsletter ready at that time I sent this news to those who had been rowers or art students. I also rang Adelaide and spoke to Nigel. His medication does make him drowsy but he did brighten up as we chatted. Nigel has a terrific attitude to his situation and loves remembering his students. For those of you like me who are curious, I asked Nigel how old he is. He recently turned 75.

Jennie has received some emails which she has printed and Nigel is getting much pleasure from reading them and rereading them. If you would like to share your memories of Nigel here are the addresses to use.

Cards and letters could be posted to 9 Bindarra Rd, Brighton SA 5048. Emails can be sent to [jenfent@hotmail.com](mailto:jenfent@hotmail.com)

## **Teloepa Lunch in Balwyn on Sunday 10 November.**

As we have mentioned before, Alan and Libby Hamilton are hosting a BBQ lunch at their home at 1158 Burke Rd., Balwyn North this Sunday commencing at midday. Alan's phone numbers are 0407 823 178 and 03 9859 2623. Email is [eham1918@bigpond.net.au](mailto:eham1918@bigpond.net.au)

Alan and Libby are looking after the meats. Valda is coordinating salads and desserts. If you have any special food requirements please discuss with Valda. Valda is contactable at [vlavoipierre@optusnet.com.au](mailto:vlavoipierre@optusnet.com.au) or on 0403 197 035. Please bring any drinks you might like to share.

At this stage we have acceptances from - Barry & Gwen Ballard, Deborah MacFarlane, Kaye Hargreaves, Rob & Jenny Nicholls, Sue Cranston and David. Jenny and I will be visiting from Canberra, Judy Bowman is coming from Adelaide. Hopefully a few more of you might be able to join us. It's not too late to say yes.

If you can come along please email your acceptances to Alan & Libby and Valda so that we can organise the food logistics. If you have a preference to bring a salad or a dessert on Sunday, please let Valda know what it is, otherwise she will make a suggestion to ensure we have a nice mix of side dishes to accompany the BBQ and desserts to follow.

## **Teloepa's "large and nationally significant work of art"**

You might recognise this painting fixed to the wall near the steps up to the maths classrooms. In September the local government announced a grant <[http://www.environment.act.gov.au/heritage/heritage\\_grants\\_program/act\\_heritage\\_grants\\_2013-14](http://www.environment.act.gov.au/heritage/heritage_grants_program/act_heritage_grants_2013-14)> for \$13,500 for the cleaning, restoration and conservation of this painting.

Jim Gillespie wrote this story

<<http://www.teloepa67.org/MysteryPainting.php>> for his website about the painting (some of you have already seen it). This photo was stitched together from five images that the talented Henry Kark took on the recent open day.

## **Now photos.**

As well as doing the cropping work Henry Kark sent me a photo of Milica Dukic which you can now see on the website. Milli (as he calls her) lives nearby. I've also discovered that Henry is a very competent brewer of beers and ciders. Do I have a recent photo of you yet? There are at least 40 students receiving this email that haven't sent me a photo. And what about telling us about your story, your hobbies? Any other brewers out there?

## **ANU Alumni - Thursday 28 November**

<http://news.anu.edu.au/anu-twilight-festival/>

This is an event which I will miss this year. Definitely worth attending. I usually see Bev Carron and Len Whyte there and last year Peter Berents came down from Sydney for it. Good (free) food and drinks and a terrific range of art on display and for sale. You can even win one if you're lucky (I was last year).

## **My recent holiday.**

Since Jenny and I returned I have compiled a web album of photos. Despite some heavy editing there are still 145 photos, mostly captioned. If you would like to see them click here.

<<https://plus.google.com/photos/100602502712520380066/albums/5924099451688915217?authkey=CPbzpeuzyqLizAE>>

To finish I'll just share my opinion that this CIFF, the 17th Canberra International Film Festival has been terrific. Lots of great films - La Tendresse, The Human Scale and All Is Lost (couldn't help thinking of Gary in that one) were all good and I've heard excellent reports of The Gilded Cage and Night Train To Lisbon. Many will be at the ANU film group next year. And I'll let you know that volunteer applications are now open for the next National Folk Festival .

<http://folkfestival.org.au/volunteers/volunteer-jobs/>

Good fun, lots of different jobs, people do nominate early so some of the teams fill up quickly.

As always, I encourage you to write to me with items for the next one. It will contain photos from Alan's barbecue and maybe a photo or two from Vietnam. Jenny and I are going there soon with four other couples from Canberra including John and Judi Walsh.

All the best to you and yours,  
Brett

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