

Where shall I start? I got distracted by a [trip to Vietnam](#) (terrific) then Christmas and lots of visitors then a wedding. Life has been very busy and I got out of the habit.

As is often the case, it is a deadline. See item 1.

1. Invitation to a reception at Telopea on Tuesday 4 March at 5pm.

TPHS's historic painting (see attachment) has been restored thanks to an ACT Heritage Grant. A commemorative plaque will be unveiled and refreshments will be served.

I will be there and so will Jan Nelson (Skorich). If you wish to join us please rsvp to Esther Davies at [esther@ejda.net](mailto:esther@ejda.net) today (apologies for the short notice).

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2. Nigel Murray-Harvey.

Sadly, Nigel's battle with his cancer was lost on November 7th. His partner Jennie has written a beautiful description of his fight and of his wonderful life in this attachment. Lots of photographs including some of his unusual burial (feet first by Upright Burials in rural Victoria). Many of us were lucky to catch up with Nigel in April last year.

Celebrate Nigel's life by reading this. He was an enormous influence on many people. He made the world a better place.

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3. This is way too late but I got [this musical Christmas card](#) from Susanna Price.

Click on it and you will see why it is special. If you sing along I wonder which words you will sing.

(Thanks, Susanna).

4. 100 Canberra Houses - A Centenary of Capital Architecture One of the projects associated with Canberra's Centenary was [this book](#).

It features houses designed by Moira's father and Valda's father. (How many other students don't need a surname to identify them?).

Valda managed to get to Canberra for the launch but Moira was not aware of the event.

I have a copy if anyone would like to borrow it.

5. [ANUFG](#)

This is also getting late but it might be of interest to those of you in Canberra.

I believe that this first semester of films (82 films + three guest passes for \$40) is the best program ever offered. If you want to know more go to [www.anufg.org.au](http://www.anufg.org.au) or contact me.

Other news. I received this in an email (*I have only you to blame: I am getting fatter and fatter due to all the wonderful lunches, coffees, catch-ups with our fantastic school mates. Thank you for facilitating this*) so I know there is still reconnecting going on. In November 13 of us got together

for an extended lunch chez Alan and Libby Hamilton in Melbourne. Some of us caught up with Steve Bisset (and his wife Mei Yee, daughter Lai Ling and cute little 1 y.o. Kai Ming) at my place in January. I had coffee recently with Deb Macfarlane. I have a photo of Dr. Hughes taken at my bridge club in January (I didn't remember her but Len Whyte does) - this and others will get up on the website soon.

Christine Harris will be in Sydney from 28 February until 1 April so some of you might catch up with her.

Let me set a date for the next newsletter and a challenge. I will be in Morocco in March/ April so let's say May 1 for the next issue. Challenge - you send me an item to include in it. Your news, some memories, maybe a question or two. A photograph? I've spoken with Bev Carron who might help as a guest editor in putting it together.

I promise some additions and changes to [the website](#) so keep checking it from time to time.

Till then, all the best,

Brett

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## INVITATION TO A RECEPTION



**You are invited to join us in celebrating the successful completion of conservation and restoration work on Telopea Park School's historic painting**

**This work was made possible by a 2013 ACT Heritage Grant  
The celebration will include the unveiling of a commemorative plaque adjacent to the painting  
Refreshments will be served**

**DATE: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**TIME: 5pm 2014**

**VENUE: Secondary Library, Telopea Park School  
Please enter the school via the front entrance**

**RSVP. Friday 28 February 2014  
Mrs E. Davies, School Archivist, Telopea Park School, NSW Crescent, Barton ACT 2600**